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FENGTIEN ARMY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE.

OCCUPATION OF CHOCHOW.

There has been another incident in which an armed guard from a British warship has had to go to the assistance of a British ship, on which numbers of disarmed Chinese soldiers had crowded, refusing to leave. The latest affair has taken place at Nanking, and it is stated that the ship was cleared without much trouble.

From the coast ports comes news that more Cantonese soldiers have been landed at Swatow from the s.s. Hwa Tai, but that another steamer is preparing to leave with a large force on board. It appears that the Cantonese are now fully in control. From Foochow, it is reported that there has been a clash between newly-arrived troops and those of General Tang Hsu-ching, and that shops are closed and business is paralysed.

Late messages from the North, received to-day, state that the Fengtien forces are still advancing against the Shansi troops, and that the important town of Chochow has been captured, together with much other territory. There is talk of peace negotiations.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR SWATOW.

Nanking, Oct. 13.
A fairly large party of unarmed troops, believed to be some of the disaffected Nanking troops recently disarmed, thought to secure passage to Hankow on a British steamer to-day, boarding the vessel and refusing to leave. At the request of the master, an armed guard was sent from one of the British warships lying off the Bund, and the vessel was cleared without much trouble.—*Naval Wireless.*

DEFENCE OF SWATOW.

More Cantonese Landed.
Swatow, Oct. 13.
There is very little to report to-day.
A fairly large party of troops and machine-guns were landed from the s.s. Hwa Tai, a Cantonese steamer, while another Cantonese steamer carrying a large force with machine guns appears to be making preparations for leaving Swatow.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW FINANCES.

Government Eases Crisis.
Hankow, Oct. 13.
The Government is endeavouring to ease the financial crisis, and a certain proportion of Central Bank notes were cashed yesterday.—*Naval Wireless.*

LATEST WAR PHASE.

The Shansi Retreat.
Shanghai, Oct. 14.
Mr. Fang Shing-to, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's delegate to Shansi, arrived at Honan on the 11th, and gave a report of the latest developments in the northern war sector. Mr. Fang had wired to General Yen Hsi-shan when he arrived at Shichang, stating that the defensive preparations had just been completed, so he returned to Honan on the 10th.

Fengtien Advance.
Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to Peking stating that the 5th division of General Wing Chun's army has advanced up to Wong-fa-pu and Hsi-ma-tin, from which the Shansi forces have retreated towards Chingting. The 6th brigade of cavalry, who have been advancing from Pe-so-chen north of Fucheng, have captured an area on the north bank of the Chi Ho. The Fengtien vanguards have reached the Sino station.

Chochow Entered.
From a further report, confirming the capture of Chochow by the Fengtien forces, it is stated that three battalions of Fengtien troops have entered the captured city.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS?

Shansi Counter Attack Fails.

Peking, Oct. 13.
The Shansi General, Shang Chen is reported to have launched a heavy counter-attack near Suanhuafu on Tuesday but was repulsed after severe fighting with 4,000 casualties.

The Fengtien armies have established contact with the Chihli Shantung forces near Shaichihwang, on the Peking-Hankow front.

Shansi raiding parties caused some trouble in Chochow elsewhere but the Ankuochun authorities state that they are only small in numbers and the commandant of the Peking Gendarmerie is successfully rounding them up.

Liu Chen-hua, famous as the defender during the long siege of Sianfu by Feng Yu-hsiang, and who afterwards went over to Feng Yu-hsiang, is reported to be negotiating with the Chihli-Shantung leaders of Kweichow.

Chin Yun Peng denies the reports from Chinese sources that his brother, Chen Yu-nao has been executed. He states that the latter is at Yingchow, Anhui, reorganising his forces.—*Reuter.*

CLASH AT FOOCHEW.

New Arrivals Fight Garrison.

Fooshow, Oct. 13.
A clash occurred in the city between General Tang Hsu-ching's troops and the newly arrived Nationalist forces. The engagement was undecided. Commercial representatives are attempting to negotiate peace. Shops are closed and business paralysed. Foreigners are safe.—*Reuter.*

WENCHOW CONDITIONS.

Troops Hurried Departure.

Wenchow, Oct. 4.
Two or three weeks ago, we were able to report that very few troops were stationed in Wenchow or its near neighbourhood. Wednesday and Thursday of last week, however, saw the arrival of 3,000 soldiers who had mostly come from up river. The district from which they had been drafted was Chuchow. (Che.) They arrived in Wenchow with every sign of a hurried and rough journey. The China Merchants' steamer, Hsuan which happened to be in port, and two Ningpo boats, the Pingyang and the Yungning, were commandeered by the military authorities. It was reported that Foochow was the place where the troops were being sent; but to the mystery of many people, Ningpo was their destination.

Seventeen hundred were crowded on the Hsuan, and the rest on the two small coasters. They left for Foochow on Friday morning, and (Continued on Page 12.)

KOWLOON AFFAIRS

STREET LIGHTING COMPLAINT.

ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS.

The usual monthly meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Monday evening. The President, Mr. W. J. Stokes was in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Kowloon Motor Bus Coy., stating that arrangements had been made with the police to allow empty buses to turn at Argyle Street, Mongkok, and return to the Star Ferry during the rush hours. This special service would be known as Route No. 9.

The Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Hongkong Automobile Association thanking the Association for copies of correspondence referring to the dimming of motor car lights in Nathan Road. It appeared that the present unsatisfactory street lighting in Nathan Road had already been the subject of correspondence between the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Automobile Association.

Bathing Beaches.

The Government had replied to the Association stating that it had been found necessary, owing to the urgent need for economy, to omit from the 1928 Estimates any provision for improvements to Kowloon Bathing Beaches. Requisite provision for the upkeep of the existing bathing facilities had, however, duly been made.

Traffic Control.

In the matter of better traffic control at the corner of Salisbury and Nathan Roads, the Captain Superintendent of Police had written to the effect that it was not advisable to proceed with the drawing of white lines along the centre of the road at this junction as the tar-macadam surfacing was liable to float and would be a constant source of trouble.

Bad Lighting.

The Sub-Committee on Lighting in Kowloon presented a report, in the course of which it was stated that there was considerable room for improvement in street lighting in the roads south of Austin Road. The sub-committee had gone to the scene, going so far as Stubbs Road, Hongkong, for the sake of comparison.

After a long discussion it was decided to write to the Government on the lines of the report.

Advertisement Boards.

Attention was drawn to the many unsightly advertisements in Kowloon which were not considered in any way desirable and likely to destroy the amenity of the district.

Considerable discussion followed and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary making the strongest possible protest against advertisement hoardings being erected near the Kowloon Railway Station and any other similar disfigurement being allowed at the Ferry approach. Particular reference was made regarding the hoarding now under construction alongside the Railway Station.

POLISH CURRENCY STABILISATION.

INTERNATIONAL LOAN ARRANGED.

Warsaw, Oct. 13.
The Polish Government has signed an agreement with an international syndicate of bankers, headed by an American group, for a stabilisation loan of G. \$72,000,000.

Leading European bankers, will participate in the flotation. It is semi-officially stated that the loan will constitute an essential part of the Polish Government's stabilisation plan and will accelerate economic progress.

It is emphasised that Polish currency has been stabilised for over a year, and the latest estimates, based on five months of the fiscal year, indicate an approximate surplus of 350,000,000 zloty.—*Reuter.*

ATLANTIC FLIGHT FAILS.

FLIERS SAVED BY DUTCH TANKER.

PLANE IN FLAMES.

New York, Oct. 13.

The safety of the "American Girl," which was carrying Miss Ruth Elder and a man companion on a flight to Paris, and which had been some hours overdue at Le Bourget aerodrome, has been announced in the following message from Miss Elder, received in Paris:

"Landed by the steamship Barendrecht, with a broken oil line. Both Hildeman (her companion) and myself are O.K."

The Barendrecht is a Dutch oil-tanker, and left Valencia, in Spain, on September 21 bound for Houston, Texas. The oilpipe line mentioned by Miss Elder connects the oil tank with the engine.—*Reuter's American Service.*

London, Oct. 13.
Wirelessing from a position approximately 500 miles north-

THE CHANNEL SWIM.

Another Englishwoman Does It.

London, Oct. 13.
Another Englishwoman has swum the Channel—Mrs. Gill, of Sheffield.

She started from Cap Gris-Nez at 9.11 yesterday morning, and landed at Dover at 12.20 this morning.—*Reuter.*

The time works out at 15 hours, 9 minutes.

east of the Azores, the Barendrecht reports that the "American Girl" has been destroyed by fire, while the ship's crew are saving the occupants.—*Reuter.*

London, Oct. 13.

Fears for the safety of Miss Ruth Elder and Captain Hildeman, who were attempting a trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Le Bourget, had been growing during the day. This evening, however, it was announced from New York that a wireless message had been received from the liner Leviathan, relayed by the liner Leviathan, stating: "Ruth Elder has been picked up off the Azores by the Dutch steamer Barendrecht. Both are well."—*British Wireless.*

EARLIER REPORTS.

Much Anxiety Felt.

New York, Oct. 13.
Anxiety is felt for the fate of the monoplane in which Miss Elder is flying, nothing concerning which has been heard since Tuesday night when it was reported 225 miles east of New York. Four Atlantic liners at various stages of crossing have reported negatively though they kept a good lookout.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Paris, Oct. 13.

In anticipation of the arrival of Miss Ruth Elder special police were sent to Le Bourget, where a crowd and pressmen gathered early in the morning, but nothing was heard of the monoplane though Le Bourget wireless men were continuously on the alert and search lights round Paris were most active.—*Reuter.*

PAPAL POWER TO BE RECONSIDERED.

VATICAN ORGAN'S SUGGESTION.

Rome, Oct. 13.
For the first time since the end of the Vatican's temporal power, in 1870, the *Osservatore Romano*, the official Papal organ, has indicated how the Holy See would like to solve the "Roman question."

It suggests the reconstruction of the Papal state, "not in its former proportions, but at least in a measure necessary to guarantee the visible independence of the government of souls."—*Reuter.*

NEW MOTOR-CARS.

BIG SHOW OPENS AT OLYMPIA.

SEVERAL INNOVATIONS.

London, Oct. 13.

The international importance of the motor show, which opened at Olympia to-day, was demonstrated by the fact that over half of the number of cars exhibited were of continental and American manufacture, but British makers have little to fear from most of the 193 models.

The general conclusion is that designers for the past twelve months have striven for the production of better value cars, with consequently much more attention to owners' requirements, and to improvements, than to lower prices.

The outstanding feature of the great number of fabric-covered cars is the extensive application of cellulose painting to metal panelled bodies.

A Morris Sensation.

A sensation was provided by the Morris Company, who uncovered a new "Light Six" saloon, 17 h.p. engine, with overhead valves. The whole construction, which compelled the admiration of rival engineers, is stated to be designed with an eye to use on rough roads in the Dominion. This model is priced at £350. It is reported that an overseas firm has given £200,000 order for this model.

The diminutive Austin "7" has a number of rivals with engines between 7 and 9 h.p.

The Italian and French make a wonderful show in higher priced cars.

"Sunshine Saloons" is the name given to cars with removable sliding roofs, which are making a bid for popularity.

It is estimated that at least £70,000,000 sterling mark was reached in orders for cash sales for cars varying from £125 to £3,000, as a result of the exhibition, which is attracting crowds from all over Britain, the Continent, and even distant parts of the Empire.—*Reuter.*

A Freewheel Innovation.

London, Oct. 13.

There was a big attendance to-day, when the twenty-first motor show was opened at Olympia.

Nine countries are represented in the exhibition, and 615 models are on view, which are officially computed to be worth £1,000,000 and range in price from £125 to over £3,000. The models generally show improved design and equipment.

Several new light-six-cylinder cars are introduced, and saloon bodies are increasingly seen, some having removable roofs. Among the mechanical innovations attracting attention are various freewheel devices, whereby the engine does not act as a brake when the accelerator is pressed, but allows the car to continue under its own momentum. This invention saves petrol, and eliminates de-clutching gear changing being effected by simply moving the gear lever into its various positions.—*British Wireless.*

THE PHILIPPINES STATUS.

AMERICAN LABOUR VOTES INDEPENDENCE.

Los Angeles, Oct. 13.
A delegate conference of the American Federation of Labour has voted in favour of the exclusion of Asiatics from the United States, and also the "immediate independence of the Philippines."—*Reuter's American Service.*

EXPELLED FROM MEXICO.

DEPORTED JOURNALIST IN TEXAS.

Laredo, Texas, Oct. 13.
The journalist, Palavicini, has arrived here. He was banished from Mexico on October 8.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN.

PERSONAL APPLICATION NECESSARY.

OPENS ON MONDAY.

Of the \$5,000,000 loan authorised to be issued by the Hongkong Government for necessary public works, \$3,000,000 is to be offered for subscription on Monday, the issue being in the hands of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Everything goes to show that the loan will prove popular, and it is generally expected that Monday's issue will be over-subscribed.

The Bank has this week been returning cheques forwarded prematurely, and it was explained to a *Telegraph* representative this morning that applications will have to be made personally at the bank on Monday, or, at least, the applicant must send a representative to hand in his filled-in form, with the 10 per cent. payable upon application, and to get a receipt.

It was understood that cheques forwarded through the post locally will not be accepted, and this has been the subject of much complaint in the past few days. If the issue is as successful as anticipated, and personal application, insisted upon, long queues will be formed, accompanied in the natural course with much delay and waiting, which is regarded as unnecessary.

A bank official this morning stated that they were following the practice adopted in England in all cases of loan issues by a bank.

OBITUARY.

NOTABLE FIGURE IN THE LABOUR WORLD.

London, Oct. 13.

A notable figure in the Labour world has died in the person of Mr. Thomas Ashton, who was the first secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

He was eighty-three years of age.—*British Wireless.*
The Rt. Hon. Thomas Ashton, the miners' general secretary from 1881 to 1918, was born in Manchester in 1844, the son of a coal-miner and was self-educated. He commenced work in the pits at an early age, and became branch secretary of the Bradford and Clayton miners in 1865.

He left the pit to commence check-weighing on the pit bank in 1873, and took greater interest in mining affairs. He held a number of secretarial appointments after this, and in 1894, on its formation, was appointed joint secretary with Sir Thomas Ratcliffe Ellis of the Conciliation Board for the English and North Wales federated area.

The late Mr. Ashton was a Justice of the Peace for Manchester, and was made a Privy Councillor in 1917.

RECALCITRANT BOLSHIES.

LENINGRAD PRAESIDIUM DEFIED.

Riga, Oct. 13.

The Leningrad praesidium, which is the controlling commission of Communists, has expelled from the party 37 of the oppositionists for participating in secret opposition meetings, but the expelled members have decided the announcement and declared their determination to continue their activities.—*Reuter.*

OIL COMPANY'S PROFITS.

ANGLO-PERSIAN'S BIG RESERVES.

London, Oct. 13.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Company has allocated £1,300,000 to reserve funds, and placed £450,000 to extra depreciation, recommending a final dividend of 7½ per cent. less tax, making 12½ per cent. for the year on the ordinary shares. The carry forward is £2,247,000.—*Reuter.*

JUDGE DISMISSED.

A SHANGHAI COURT SENSATION.

LADY JUDGE TO SUCCEED.

Strong feeling has been aroused in both Chinese and foreign circles says the *N. C. Daily News* by the dismissal of Chief Justice Loo Hsing-yuan of the Provisional Court and the appointment of Miss Sourmay Tchong as his successor. Miss Tchong is now the Chief Justice of the Court in the native city.

The charge, which has been brought against Chief Justice Loo is that the Provisional Court under his management has been lax in its attitude toward Communists. Although this charge has been made on many sides, particularly in foreign quarters, it was never aimed at Chief Justice Loo who has been regarded as the best jurist on the Provisional Court bench, far superior to many of the other judges. The charges which have been made, it is understood, in private conversations between consular and Nationalist officials and in articles in the *North-China Daily News*, were never intended to be used against a man who was upholding the integrity of the court. It is regarded as remarkable that this able and conscientious jurist should be dismissed, while those judges against whom there have been many protests by Consular Deputies, by the Consular Body and by unofficial foreigners should be permitted to continue to function.

Miss Tchong is a French educated lawyer, having taken her degree in Paris. She practised privately in Shanghai for some time and was appointed to her present judicial position and to the Kiangsu Provincial Government after the establishment of the Nanking Government. Previous to that, her name had appeared on the list of those who were members of the Commune organized in Nantao previous to the arrival of General Chiang Kai-shek in this city. Except for the office which she has held in the native city, Miss Tchong has never held public or judicial office in China.

It is understood that there will be protests against this change in the organization of the Court from many quarters. It was impossible to ascertain yesterday what the Consular Body would do about it, but it is known that members of the Chinese bar regard the shabby treatment of Chief Justice Loo as intolerable.

The dismissal and the new appointment was made by order of the Provisional Government, of which Miss Tchong is a member. It is not known whether Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Justice of the Nationalist Government, anything to do with it. He is in Nanking and, therefore, could not be interviewed yesterday.

An Explanation.

Mr. George E. Sokolsky writes to the *North-China Daily News*:

In view of the dismissal of Chief Justice Loo Hsing-yuan of the Provisional Court may I request you to publish the following:

In the two articles which I recently wrote in which references were made to the Provisional Court, whatever criticisms of the administration of the Court were cited, were not intended to reflect on Judge Loo, for whom I have the highest regard and who is, in my opinion, one of the few individuals in China's officialdom whose presence in the Government gives one cause for hope. Judge Loo has had to contend with politics and petty interference during his administration of the Court and his work would have been seen to greater advantage were it not for some of his associates who were not of his calibre. To dismiss him at this time, when the Court and the Consular Body seem to be reaching an understanding, is a gross political stupidity.

PARIS-BANGKOK FLIGHT.

CHALLE AT ATHENS.

Athens, Oct. 13.

The French aviator Challe, who is attempting a flight to Bangkok within record time, with long stages each day, has arrived here en route.—*Reuter.*

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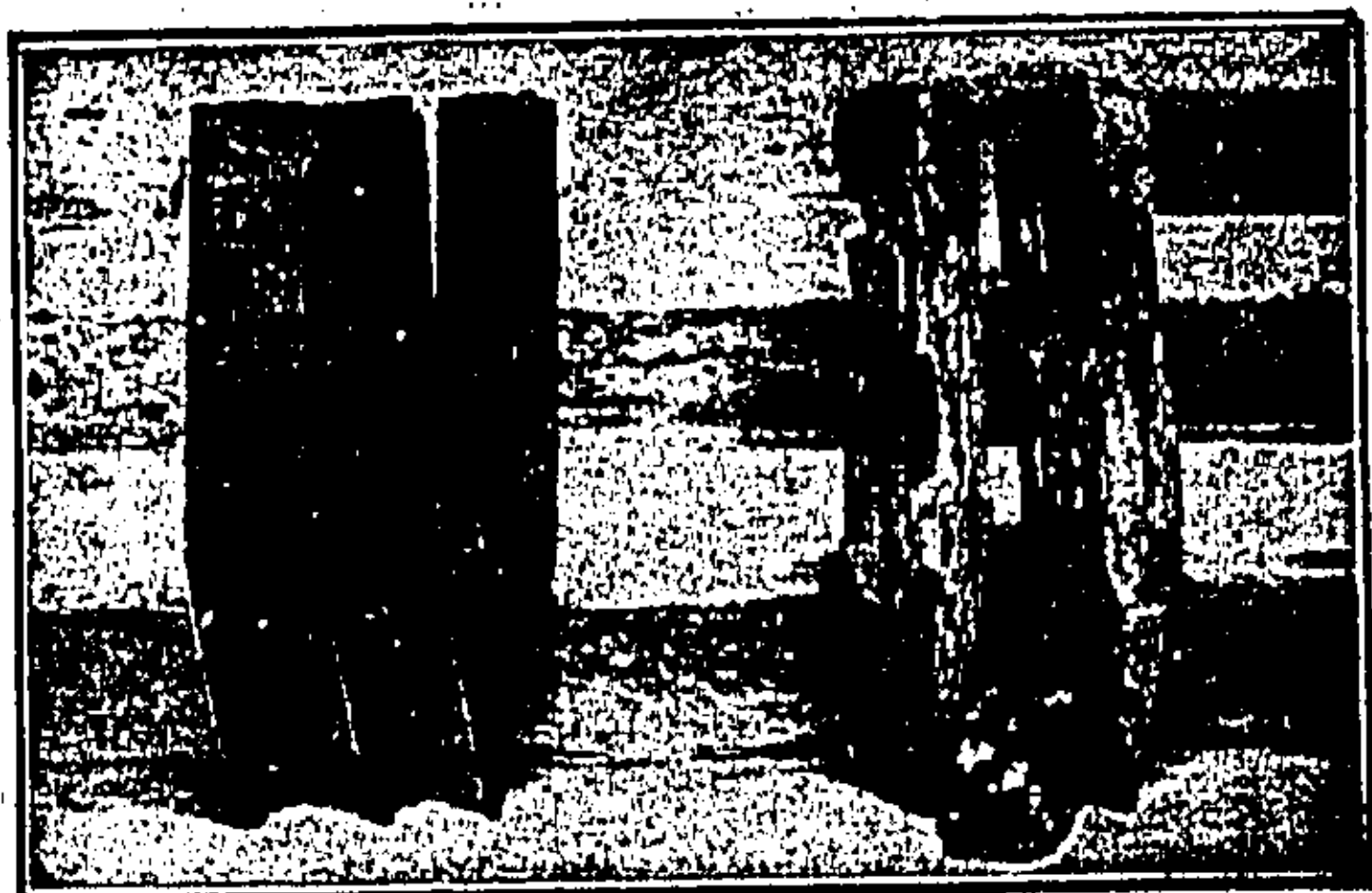
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VESSEL REACHES HARBOUR
LAST EVENING.

The Shing On which was pirated on the West River on Tuesday night arrived in port shortly after six o'clock yesterday evening. A small crowd, having waited all day on the wharf, were the only people to meet the boat.

The police were not on the wharf when the vessel drew alongside, and the Captain of the boat went ashore almost immediately after the gangplank was down.

From the accounts gathered from the crew it would seem that shortly after the vessel started from Samshui for Hoihow, six passengers, four of them armed with revolvers appeared and managed to intimidate all the passengers and crew.

The attack took place at a spot called Tung Chow Sai, and the vessel was taken to Foo On. The crew and the passengers were all bundled into one of the ship's holds. One pirate kept guard over the pilot. The pirate chief, it is said, informed the crew and passengers that if they attempted to show resistance they would be shot.

On arrival at Foo Wan four junks came alongside and took over the kidnapped passengers and 100 bags of flour. Sixty three men in all were taken prisoners by the pirates, who left behind those whom they thought would be too poor to pay ransom.

Compradore Disappears.

One of the crew interviewed said that immediately the attack broke out the chief pirate made known that he wanted the Compradore to hand over the ship's arms and a search was immediately made all over the ship for this man. He was nowhere to be found, however, and it is surmised that he must have jumped overboard. So far no news has reached the ship's owners in Canton or their agents here as to the whereabouts of the Compradore.

Apparently on going ashore the Captain proceeded to the local agents of the pirated vessel for the agents were able to say that the pirates were very considerate as far as the ship's crew was concerned. An order was given out by the leader of the pirate gang that none of the crew were to be molested or any of their belongings interfered with. Despite these instructions the ship's sextant was stolen.

At Foo Wan, the pirates attempted to take away the pilot with the kidnapped men, but the pilot appealed to the pirate chief and reminded him of the promise he had made. The pilot was permitted to return to his own ship the chief pirate accompanying him to the side of the ship to see that he returned safely.

There were four women passengers on board and none of them was kidnapped. One of the women was a fashionably-dressed young lady who succeeded in hiding all her jewellery which valued at about \$1,000 by throwing all her valuables in an obscure corner of the boat.

Another Gang.

Before the pirates left the ship, it is believed that another gang attempted to make a raid on the ship. They were beaten off by the original gang of pirates.

The total value of the haul including cargo and passengers' belongings amounted to about \$10,000. The Shing On carried no arms whatever and the crew's losses were very trivial being in some cases no more than a jacket or a blanket.

The captain of the Shing On, Lo Hing-sang, was not in command at the time of the piracy, having stayed away for the trip. His place was taken by a man named Chan Kee.

When the vessel left Hongkong, only eight supercargoes were taken by the Shing On. It is learned that eighty six passengers embarked at Samshui.

HO HONG BUILDING.

RENOVATED STRUCTURE IN
QUEEN'S ROAD.

With extensive alterations, both internal and external, the building which was formerly known as the Astor House Hotel has been thoroughly renovated at, it is learned, a high cost.

The structure now presents a very dignified appearance, standing as it does in Queen's Road Central in comparatively drab surroundings.

The building was originally known as the Windsor Hotel and was first erected in 1891. A few years later its name was altered to Connaught Hotel. Its present owners, the Ho Hong Bank Limited, have renamed the building Ho Hong Building, and, excepting for a section of the ground floor which will be occupied by the Bank, it will be used as a Hotel.

Messrs. Palmer and Turner, Architects, of Alexandra Building, carried out the work of altering the building, which took a little over six months. The original building was five storeys high and the architects removed the top storey, together with the old wood and tile roof, which was in a very bad state of disrepair, and put in a new reinforced concrete floor roof. The south east corner of the verandah, that is, the part which faced Queen's Road, was rebuilt and in addition, reinforced concrete floors were laid for each storey.

All plaster ceilings were torn out and asbestos sheeting and teakwood ceilings were substituted. All the old plaster work of the verandah has been taken down and replaced by granite in a simple yet effective manner. Portions of the verandah were originally built in granite and these have been redressed.

The old servants' quarters at the rear of the building have been entirely demolished and new servants' quarters erected in reinforced cement-concrete, capable of taking three extra floors at some future date should the building be rebuilt.

There are thirteen rooms on each floor, with large dining rooms, sitting rooms, and the usual bathroom, sanitary and kitchen accommodation. A new Waygood-Otis lift has been installed.

The building will be handed over to the new owners, entirely finished, towards the end of this month.

RECORD OPIUM HAUL.

NEARLY \$100,000 WORTH OF
DRUG SEIZED BY POLICE.

High Street, of all places in Singapore, was the scene of a surprising police discovery last week when contraband chandu valued at nearly \$100,000 was seized.

Acting on certain information received, Inspector Collins of the Marine Police Department organised a raid which proved extremely successful from the point of view of the law but the smugglers naturally have a far different view on the matter.

The house in question, 36-G, High Street, is described as a dwelling occupied by better-class Chinese. Making their way to a closed room, the police broke in and found the drug packed in boxes. It is also said that cash and jewellery were found in the room which was unoccupied at the time the police made an entry.

The Monopolies Department was informed and Preventive Service Officers came in to the assistance of Inspector Collins. The room was thoroughly searched and all the contraband was seized. No arrest has yet been effected, but inquiries are being vigorously pushed.

OPERATIC SELECTIONS.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAIN-
MENT AT HELENA MAY.

A musicale in the nature of a Gilbert and Sullivan festival was held at the Helena May Institute last evening, with highly satisfactory results both from the viewpoints of artistry and attendance. The mixed quartette opened the programme with the Madrigal "The Mikado." Mr. A. J. J. Brookes' contribution of "The Modern Major-General" from the Pirates of Penzance invested with the right Sullivan humorous touch and was one of the most effective items of the programme. Mr. Brook later followed with a selection from Iolanthe and pleased the audience so much that an encore was called for.

Mrs. Marcel sang very effectively selections from two other Gilbert and Sullivan Operas, her rendering of "Sorry her lot" from H. M. S. Pinafore being enthusiastically received. A great hit was established by Mr. H. E. Gardner, whose singing of "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" from The Gondoliers, was tuneful and melodious, and no greater appreciation could be expressed than by saying that his singing was well-liked by his audience.

In the "Sergeant's Song" (from the Pirates of Penzance) and in the "Sentry's Song" (from Iolanthe) Eng. Lieut. Comdr. Bedelle's deep baritone sustained the parts with marked aptitude, and he was enthusiastically applauded. He combined with Mr. Gardner and Mr. Hargreaves Browne in a selection from Iolanthe, the trio of male voices being well-blended. A quartette, comprising Mrs. Russell Brown, Mr. Davenport Browne, Mr. H. E. Gardner and Mr. Hargreaves Browne, sang "The Tower Green" (from Yeoman of the Guard), bringing a highly successful function to a conclusion.

VARSIITY EXAMS.

INCREASING NUMBERS OF
CANDIDATES.

Evidence of the increasing popularity of the Matriculation, Senior and Junior Local Examinations conducted by the University of Hongkong is afforded by the large number of candidates who are registered for examination in 1927. The total number of candidates registered is 1,000, distributed as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Matriculation and Senior	304	68	372
Junior Local	532	97	629
Total	836	165	1,001

Candidates have been entered by schools in Shanghai, Canton, Singapore, Penang, Semarang, Batavia and Soekaradja.

No less than 874 candidates are being presented by schools in the Colony as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Matriculation and Senior	255	63	318
Junior Local	462	94	556
Total	717	157	874

HISTORY OF COFFEE.

BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
IN BRAZIL.

San Paulo, Oct. 13. The President opened the exhibition at the Palace of Industries commemorating the bicentenary of the introduction of coffee into Brazil. The exhibition will last until November 12 and will include a conference on the production and marketing of coffee, colonisation and agricultural credits.

Other interesting features will be the opening of the Avenue de Cafe here and the erection of a commemorative monument to Compinas.—Reuter.

"SQUEEZE" CASE.

EVIDENCE AGAINST CHINESE
CONSTABLES.

The hearing was resumed, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, of the "squeeze" charge against seven Chinese constables attached to the Hawkers Supervision Department.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A. S. P., who directed the raid at No. 3 Upper Station Street which resulted in the discovery of the defendants in the premises, stated that he found only notes strewn about on a trestle bed in a cubicle rented by the seventh defendant, and nothing else to suggest that the raiding police had broken up a card-party.

Questioned by Mr. A. E. Hall, witness said that the police visit resulted from information which led him to expect that the defendants would be found there.

A woman who was mentioned by Leung So, a hawker, in his evidence as his foki in the task of collecting levies turned out to be his wife. In evidence she now stated that she compiled the list of the contributing hawkers' names on the two lists produced, but left out the respective amounts as her husband said it was not necessary to include these.

A diversion was caused by another witness, an old woman, who after peering short-sightedly at each defendant in turn, pointed to the seventh defendant, then being permitted to sit in a chair on account of his injuries, as the man who rented the rear cubicle which was entered by the raiding police officers.

Lee Sing, a licensed vendor of ice-cream, identified and named the first, fifth, sixth and seventh defendants as the men with whom he had dealings in the past. Ever since he became a hawker, nine years ago, he had heard of the pass-word system by which immunity from arrest was conferred on every hawker who paid "squeeze" to the constables. His own experience of this system was that he had to pay a weekly sum of eighty cents, at the beginning to this or that constable, and latterly, to another hawker, Leung So, who acted as the medium for these collections. On paying in this levy he would be given a password the use of which was to give him a sort of clearance bill for that week, after which it would be again changed. He could recall at least three passwords used. These were Koocheong (the Chinese title for Shewan, Tones, faan zee (sweet potatoes) and Nam Hai (the name of a place).

Asked by his Worship why he should pay this "squeeze," seeing that he had a license, witness replied that he was apprehensive that a false charge might be trumped up against him if he did not accede to the demand. The case was again adjourned.

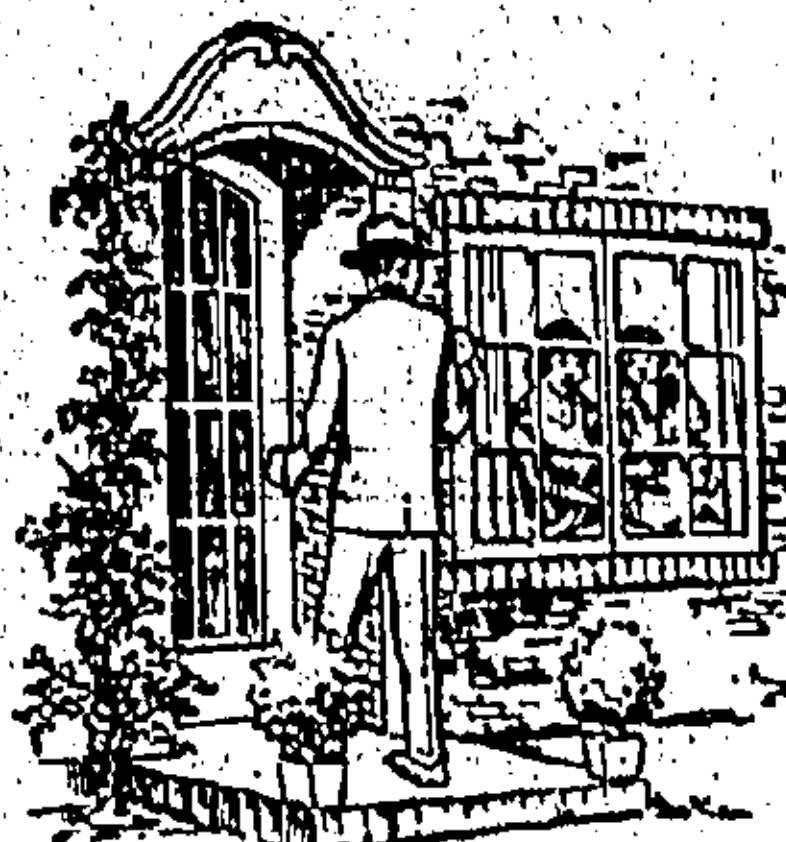
BAD WEATHER.

ATLANTIC FLEET
MANOEUVRES SUSPENDED.

London, Sept. 30. Stormy weather has caused the suspension of the Atlantic Fleet manoeuvres, which will last for several days, off the coast.

A thrilling incident occurred at Cromarty, Firth. During an exercise, the drifter, Billow, towing a target, fouled the wreck of the Matal, which was blown up during the War. As the tide receded, the drifter was left with her stern high and dry on the wreck.

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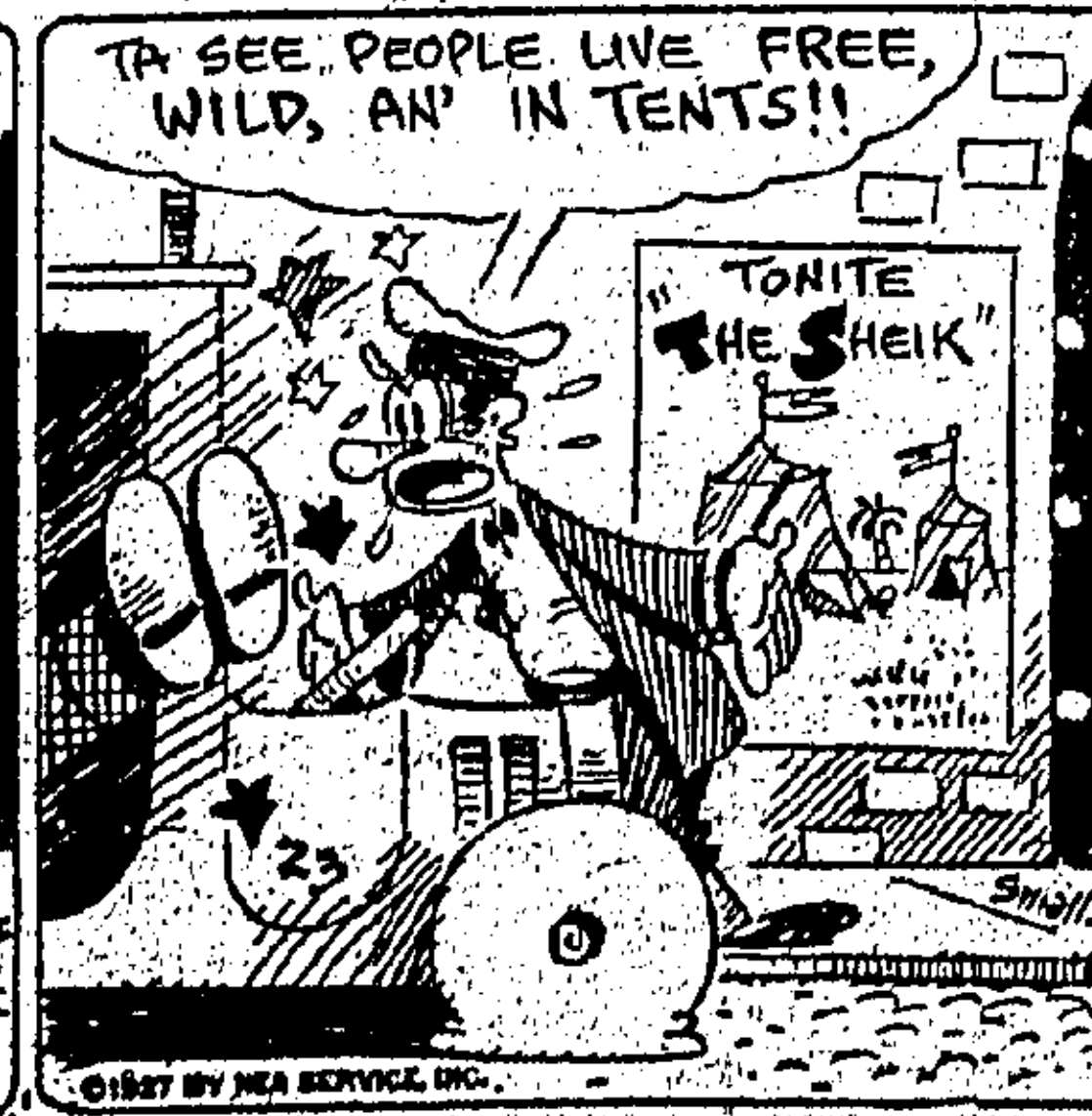
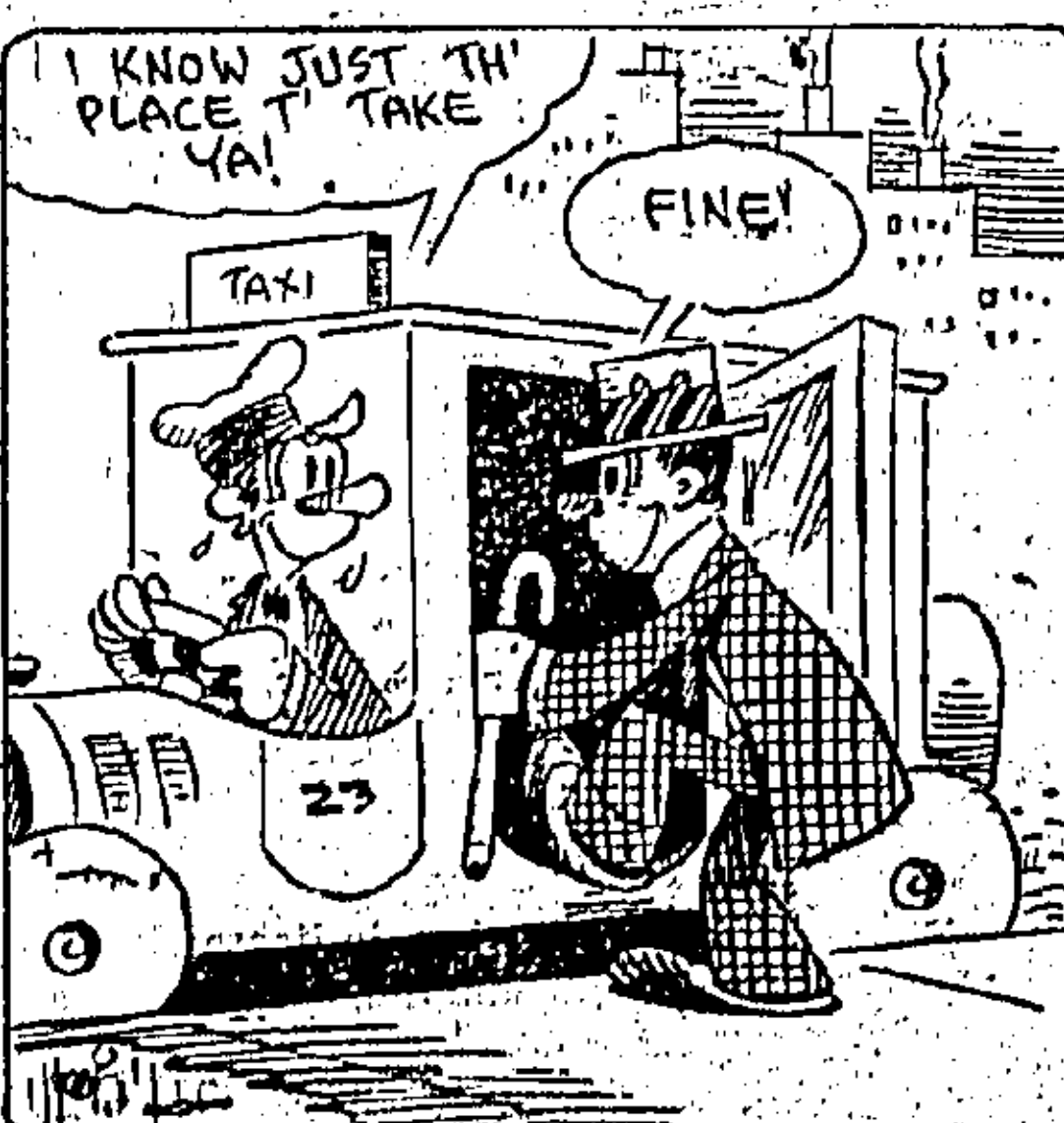
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SHANGHAI SPORTSMAN'S WEDDING AT HOME.—Group taken after the wedding of Mr. W. Read (S. M. P.), to Miss A. Goshawk, of Nottingham, at Lenton Church Nottingham, on August 20. The duties of best man were performed by Mr. F. G. West, late of the S. M. P. Mr. W. Read is at present on home leave and hopes to return to Shanghai with his bride on the s.s. Andre Lebon early in December.



THEY TOO WOULD TRY.—Among the many aspirants to make the first westward trans-Atlantic flight are the French pilots Costes (left) and Le Brix. Their single motorized Breguet biplane is shown above taking off on a test flight at Le Bourget aerodrome, Paris.

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OFFICERS OF THE 1ST DEVON REGIMENT.—Group photo of the officers of the 1st Devon Regiment, taken a few days prior to their leaving headquarters at Great Western Road Camp, Shanghai. Left to right (top row): Lieut. R. E. K. Pain; Lieut. A. G. Davidson; Lieut. G. V. Carey; Lieut. J. W. Wadham; Lieut. G. F. J. P. Stone; Lieut. R. S. Ellicott. (Second row): Lieut. D. E. Elford; Capt. D. E. Corkery, M.C.; Lieut. W. A. G. Douglas; Lieut. A. R. Hill; Lieut. and Adj. E. D. Mackay; Lieut. and Qmr. C. W. Creasey; Lieut. H. S. Anderson; Lieut. R. W. Bovill; Lieut. R. R. Tawney. (Seated in chairs): Rev. E. Mathias, C.F.; Capt. E. G. Roberts; Capt. A. H. Cope, D.S.O.; Maj. M. I. G. Jenkins, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. W. E. Scafe, C.M.G., D.S.O.; Capt. E. M. Battersby; Capt. C. H. Gotto, D.S.O., M.C.; Capt. W. Booker. (Seated on ground): Lieut. E. L. Bols; 2/Lieut. F. M. Pyne.



SMILE OF CONFIDENCE.—As this excellent close-up shows, Gene Tunney was wearing his best smile prior to defending his title against Jack Dempsey.



SCENARIO DISPUTE.—Valjaska Suratt, widely popular actress, (above, in nurse's uniform) has sued Cecil B. de Mille, the movie director (below), and others for \$1,000,000. It is her allegation that the photoplay "The King of Kings" is a plagiarized version of "Mary Magdalene," a scenario she owns.



WEDDING AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL.—The wedding was celebrated recently at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Captain James Edward Ainsley, Indian Medical Service, and Miss Marjorie Elizabeth Holyoake Box. The above group was taken afterwards at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes. Left to right: Captain George Barnett (R.A.M.C.), best man, Mr. J. E. Barnes, Miss Connie Sidey, bridesmaid, the bride, Mr. E. T. Jones, the bridegroom, Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Miss Eubank, Mrs. M. B. Lake (sister of the bride) and Mr. M. B. Lake.

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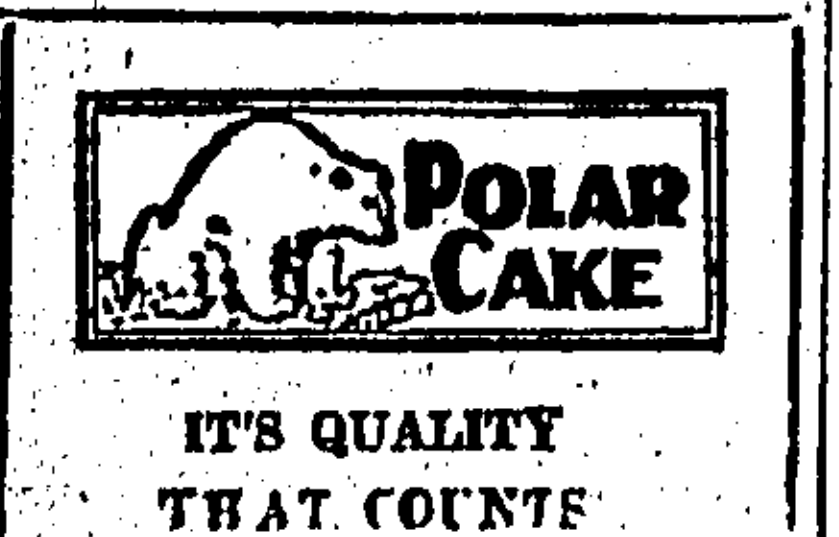
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the offices of the SINCERE INSURANCE & INVESTMENT CO., LTD., and the SINCERE LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD., have this day been removed from No. 1, Des Voeux Road, West, to the 4th floor of No. 144, Des Voeux Road, Central, (the National Commercial & Savings Bank Building). All communications to the Companies should hereafter be sent to the latter address.

The SINCERE INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.
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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club annex, on Saturday, 29th October, 1927, at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1927.

GRAND HOTEL DES WAGONS-LITS, LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-fourth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Grand Hotel des Wagons-Lits, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 29th October, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended on the 30th June, 1927, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

By Order

of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1927.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & CANTON ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 22nd Day of October, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 8th October to the 22nd October, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1927.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE OF INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that an INTERIM DIVIDEND of Three per cent. (3%) on the nominal amount per share paid up (i.e., Thirty cents per share on the shares of the Company \$10 fully paid-up; and Seven-and-a-half cents per share on the shares \$2.50 paid-up), will be paid on MONDAY, the 17th day of October, 1927, in respect of the financial year to the 31st December, 1927, to the Members of the Company who are on the Register on Saturday, the 15th October, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from Monday, the 10th October, 1927, to Saturday, the 15th October, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

R. GUY WILKERSON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1927.

It is reported from Albania that a quantity of mysterious gold coins have come into circulation, and that no one has been able to discover where they were minted or who distributed them. The coins, which are identical in value with the French twenty-franc Napoleon, bear the portrait of the Albanian hero, Skander Bey, on one side, and the Lion of Venice on the other. The Minister of Finance has issued a circular declaring the coins illegal payment, and the National Bank refuses to deal in them.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on SATURDAY,

the 15th October, 1927,

at 10.30 a.m.

At Godown No. 19, The China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point.

(for account of the concerned)

562 Sacks Flour, more or less damaged.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

45 Cases and 8 Baskets Assorted Provisions.

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15 Sacks Flour,
18 Cases Canned Sardines,
1 Bale Old Newspapers,
1 Case Muscat Grapes,
1 Bag Sweeping Wax,
1 Empty Drum.

and

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods.

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LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Particulars and Conditions of Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of October, 1927, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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PALACE OF EGMONT IN FLAMES.

PRICELESS PAINTINGS ARE SAVED.

Brussels, Sept. 25. The cry "The Palace of Egmont is on fire!" spreading with lightning rapidity, brought out thousands of persons, anxious as to the fate of the famous 16th Century palace, which was founded by the great Netherlands hero during the wars against Spain, and now shelters a priceless collection of Dutch and Flemish paintings.

The fire spread rapidly and involved the whole of the central roofing, but was subdued after two hours' prodigious efforts.

The firemen subsequently ascertained that, despite considerable general damage, the principal wings were intact and the works of art were not injured.

[The Palace of Egmont in Brussels contains some of the greatest art treasures in Europe. Moreover, the building itself occupies an important place in the history of the Netherlands. The Count of Egmont was beheaded in Brussels on June 5th, 1568, and his death, which was the result of Spanish tyranny, was glorified in the popular imagination as the martyrdom of the leader of the movement for Flemish freedom. From this memorable event, which Goethe made the theme of his play "Egmont" (1788), is usually dated the beginning of the famous revolt of the Netherlands.]

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 15th to 21st October 1927.					
High Water.			Low Water.		
Day.	Time.	Height.	Day.	Time.	Height.
15	12.44	5.4	16	6.27	1.7
16	11.56	7.4	17	5.31	1.0
17	10.41	7.2	18	4.54	1.4
18	9.14	6.8	19	3.54	2.2
19	7.56	6.3	20	2.54	2.2
20	6.16	5.6	21	1.54	2.8
21	4.54	4.7			

MACAO RACES.

FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Saturday, 15th October & Sunday, 16th October 1927.

(Weather Permitting)

FIRST SADDLING BELL SATURDAY 2 p.m.

SUNDAY 1.15 p.m.

Entrance to Public Enclosure 40 cts.

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ATLANTIC CROSSING IN FOUR DAYS.

SCHEME FOR LINER-AEROPLANE SERVICE.

New York: According to the *Herald and Tribune*, a group of Americans are making plans for a regular service of sailings between Montauk Point, Long Island, to Plymouth and Havre, aeroplanes being used as a link between the liner and the shore. It is suggested that the Transatlantic crossing will be reduced to four days by this means.

Ten 20,000-ton vessels, capable of an average speed of 31 1/2 knots, will be constructed for the service; they will have the lines of a destroyer, but will be 800 feet long, and will be equipped with a special platform on the top deck for launching and landing aeroplanes.

CEYLON'S DIRTY NOTES.

BEING DESTROYED DAILY.

The complaint against the circulation in Ceylon of old and dirty currency notes has now been practically remedied by the Government Treasury which has during the past few months devoted particular attention to it.

A change has been effected by destroying more notes and introducing quicker modes of destruction. Taking into account holidays etc. at present between 11,000 and 12,000 notes are destroyed in an hour. This number is a great increase over the figures a few months ago.

During the week ending August 22nd, 315,310 notes were destroyed, during the week ending Aug. 29th, 346,760 notes, during the week ending Sept. 5th, 330,000 notes, and during the week ending September 12th, 387,675 notes. This amounts to the destruction of no less than 1,380,735 notes during the four weeks ending September 12th. This means that every day about 40,000 notes are destroyed.

THE RUBBER POSITION.

NO CAUSE FOR ANXIETY.

London, Oct. 5. Taking the long view of the rubber position there is no cause for anxiety, stated Mr. Davies, who presided at the annual meeting of Beranang Selangor Company this week.

The rubber market opened dull to-day but developed more firmly and leading shares closed at better prices. The Mining Lane market was dull but steadier, the price of the commodity being 1s. 3 3/4d.

Tin recovered \$2 to \$2.69. There is a disposition to take a longer view and, although visible supplies are higher on the month statistics over a longer period are satisfactory from the producers' point of view. The share market is, therefore, slightly harder.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

The parcels post service to Russia in Asia via Japan is temporarily suspended.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

Parcel post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

Parcels for places in Szechwan will now be accepted for transmission at senders' risk. It is to be noted that parcels are liable to delay, and that the service may be suspended again at any time.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:—

Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, Canton, Wuchow, Kongmoon, Hoihow, Macao, Kwongchowwan, Fort Bayard and Amoy.

Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, General Post Office Building.

Swatow Service temporarily suspended. It is notified for information that Feather Fans and Brooches cannot be sent by post to Great Britain. They are prohibited by the Plumage (Prohibition) Act of 1921.

INWARD MAILS

From	Malwa	October 14.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Delta	October 15.
Straits	Pres. Taft	October 16.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	October 16.
Straits	Soochow	October 16.
Shanghai and Swatow	Fooksang	October 17.
Straits	Aki Maru	October 18.
Japan	Mishima Maru	October 20.
Australia and Manila	Kashima Maru	October 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tenyo Maru	October 23.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President McKinley	October 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Van Buren	October 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	October 24.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan, and Shanghai	President Jefferson	October 30.

OUTWARD MAILS

To	Malwa	October 14.
Bangkok	Delta	Oct. 14, 3.30 p.m.
Macao	Chuenchow	Oct. 14, 3.45 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Oct. 14, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Santhia	Oct. 14, 5 p.m.
Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. and *S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Tyndareus	Oct. 15, 5 p.m.
	Registration	Oct. 15, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	Oct. 15, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C. 8th November)	
	Kwangtung	Oct. 15, 10 a.m.

	G. P. O.
	ParcelsOct. 14, 5 p.m.
	Registration Oct. 15, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marselles, 11th November)
Amoy	KumsangSat., Oct. 15, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	TakiwaSat., Oct. 15,

BANGKOK'S YOUTH.

INDIFFERENT TO "OLD
FOGYS."

Bangkok is expanding rapidly. The European population is enlarging out of all recognition, and young Bohemians who know not the unity of interests of the old days, and are ignorant of, and quite indifferent to, the power that certain gentlemen wielded then, dare to advance their opinions, writes a correspondent.

An the thing that hurts is that find a fair measure of support. The men who formerly ruled, and whose word was practically law, find that they are but single units of no more influence than the latest arrival if he cares to express an opinion. The world is out of joint, my masters.

These reflections are based on the annual general meeting of the Sports Club held recently. Voices that formerly counted, and on the sound of which youngsters of three, or four years residence discreetly remained inarticulate in the background, were still heard. Hardly annuals faded and withered, and the years that have passed were of no account.

The resident of twenty years, with all his memories of former power, with his former domineering ways, was as silent as an inebriated as the newest arrival. He dare not risk a set back or a snub from the younger generation.

He feared to be characterised as archaic. And the young men were content with what they saw. They found it exceeding good. It is the story not alone of Bangkok but of many another Eastern centre that has had to submit to "progress."

In the Order of Things.

I suppose it is all in the order of things, but it is accepted with exceeding bad grace by those who have exercised domination for many years.

"Old fogys" they may be referred to by those who have but recently arrived, and perhaps they are just a little bit conservative and domineering, but let us not forget that they have borne the brunt of the day and have lived through times when conditions were not so favourable as they are now, and that much respect is due to them even on that ground alone.

The meeting of the Sports Club was a very harmless affair. There was not a query, not a complaint, not a suggestion. All — and there was quite a large attendance — gave the impression that they were satisfied.

But I rather think this was due to the fact that the Club financially is in a satisfactory position. When such happens to be the case a wide margin is granted. But when funds are low, and the future is unpromising, complaints are many and blame is freely and indiscriminately laid.

Last night not a single question was asked. In a previous letter I referred to the position of racing, and stated that while racing men complained bitterly that they were made to carry the Club without receiving due recognition, when they had the opportunity to voice their complaint in public they were quiet.

At last night's meeting three out and out racing men were elected to the General Committee, and one who has just become an owner.

Let us assume then that if the do not receive their fair recognition during the coming year, their's is the blame.

Sir Henry Cowper Gollan, Chief Justice, arrived back in the Colony yesterday on the "Macdonald," being met by His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Mr. C. D. Melbourne and other officials. Mr. Justice Wood, who has been acting Chief Justice, resumed his previous office as Puisne Judge yesterday morning.

The death has occurred, at the age of 57, of Mr. Arthur Hutchinson, editor of the "Windsor Magazine."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TAXI SERVICE LIKELY NEXT
YEAR.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, was unable to preside at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council owing to a slight indisposition. He is able to discharge his official duties. In consequence of his absence, His Excellency the Officer Commanding presided at the meeting where, in reply to questions, the Government stated that it did not propose to deal with public vehicles by fixing fare and providing the cars with taximeters. Hope was expressed that a new taxi service would start early in the New Year.

In answer to other questions the Government stated that no appointments had yet been made in connection with the work of malaria research, the recommendations being subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. A motion providing for the laying of sections of double tramway track to Shaukiwan was carried. A Bill to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance was read a first time, and the Bill relating to the suppression of piracy became law with addition of a new clause.

Owing to the indisposition of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. T. W. Southern, C.M.G.), His Excellency Major-General C. C. Tizard, C.B., C.M.G., presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Council Chamber. There were also present:

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Sir J. H. Kemp, K.C. (Attorney-General).
Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackman (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow.
Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.
Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.
Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.
Mr. E. W. Hamilton (Clerk of Councils).

New Taxi Service Likely.

In accordance with notice given, the Hon. Mr. Shenton asked the following question:

Are the Government prepared to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by:

(a) Fixing a scale of fares, or
(b) Insisting that each motor car so plying carries with it a meter registering an approved scale of charges.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:

As at present advised the Government does not propose to deal with motor cars plying for public hire in the public streets of the Colony by:

(a) fixing a scale of fares or
(b) insisting on each car so plying being provided with a taximeter.

The varying classes, types, makes and sizes of cars plying for public hire preclude the fixing of a general rate for all public cars. Uniformity of design of car is essential for the use of taximeters and the variety of public hire cars makes a general taximeter scheme impracticable.

It is, however, hoped that the proposals now before the Government for a new Taxicab Service will mature shortly and that the Companies concerned will be in a position to start the service early in the New Year.

Hon. Mr. Shenton: Arising out of the answer to my question, I understand that two concerns have recently applied for licences to run taxi-cab services in this Colony.

The Colonial Secretary: There are negotiations proceeding with the Government for private licences.

New Malaria Officers.

Hon. Mr. Shenton, in accordance with notice given, asked the following question:

(2) Have any of the appointments, referred to in the Honourable Colonial Secretary's Budget Speech of the 1st September, for the purpose of dealing with malaria, yet been made?

If yes, have the officers commenced their duties?

The Colonial Secretary replied: The answer is in the negative. The recommendations must first receive the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies and in any case funds will not be available until January 1st, 1928.

If the recommendations are approved by the Secretary of State the appointments will be made as soon as possible after January 1st next.

Tramway Motion.

The Colonial Secretary moved: That whereas by the provisions of section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, it is provided that subject to the approval of the Governor in Council after timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the Company referred to in the said Ordinance to apply for such approval, and after such approval has been confirmed by a resolution of the Legislative Council, the company construct and maintain, subject to the provisions of the said Ordinance, and in accordance with plans previously deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works, all such lines, crossings, passing places, sidings, junctions, turn-tables and other works in addition to or as extensions of those particularly specified in and authorized by the said Ordinance as may be approved of by the Governor in Council, and may work and use the same:

And Whereas, timely and adequate notification having been given by public advertisement of the intention of the company to apply for the approval of the Governor in Council to the construction and maintenance, in accordance with plans to be deposited in the office of the Director of Public Works, of a double tramway line, in place of the then existing single line, on the sections of the tramway from Causeway Bay to Shaukiwan described in section 3 of the said Ordinance as sections Nos. 6 and 7 of the tramway, the company duly applied for the approval of the Governor in Council to the construction and maintenance of the said double line:

And Whereas the Governor in Council did on the 19th day of June, 1924, approve of the construction and maintenance of the said double line:

Now it is hereby resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council so given as aforesaid is hereby confirmed.

The Attorney General seconded and the motion was carried:

A New Ordinance.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Chinese Extradition Ordinance, 1889. He said:

Extradition to China, which, for us, practically means extradition to Kwantung, has been suspended now for several years, not due to our desire for its suspension and not owing to anything we may have done. The suspension was due solely to certain technical legal difficulties which have affected the subject in recent years.

We are anxious, and we have always been anxious, to cooperate with our neighbours in preventing and punishing crime in their borders and in ours, and in particular we are anxious and have always been anxious to hand back to China persons who have committed crimes in China and have fled for refuge here.

That policy would be dictated to us by our own self-interest but it is also dictated to us by the friendly feelings we entertain towards the neighbouring state of China.

Legal Difficulties.

The technical legal difficulties arise entirely from the present abnormal constitutional state of China. One of the fundamental conceptions of international law is that of a state, an international organisation, a self-contained entity, a body politic with an or-

ganised Government able to control the whole of the territory of state, with a head or central authority entitled to speak and in fact able to speak for the whole country in relation with other powers.

That conception is very different from the state of China to-day. The present state of China constitutionally is no doubt only temporary, and I am sure we all hope present international law confusion exists will last as short a time as possible, but while it does last it is very difficult for us to amend our law so as to make it square with a state of affairs which is quite unknown to international law.

Unusual Alternation.

We have been for some time, however, trying to find some way out of the difficulty, and this Bill is an attempt now to get over that difficulty by altering our law in an unusual way to meet the points of difficulty which have arisen from the peculiar constitution of China at the moment.

The amendment of the law to meet those difficulties is far from easy, and one can only hope this attempt which is now being made will be successful so that the extradition to China of fugitive criminals from China will be successfully resumed. The details of the Bill are explained fully in the Objects and Reasons. I beg to move the first reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

New Clause in Piracy Bill.

The Attorney General moved the second reading of an Ordinance to amend the law relating to the suppression of piracy.

During the Committee stage of the Bill the Attorney General moved a new clause providing that the Ordinance shall come into operation on such day as may be fixed by order of the Governor in Council. He explained that the reason for this was that the regulations proposed to be made under the Ordinance would have to be made after the passing of the Ordinance and before the date of its coming into operation.

In addition to the question of ship's guards, with which the present piracy regulations were concerned, had not yet been fully discussed, and until that matter had been further advanced it would not be possible to bring the new Ordinance regulations into force.

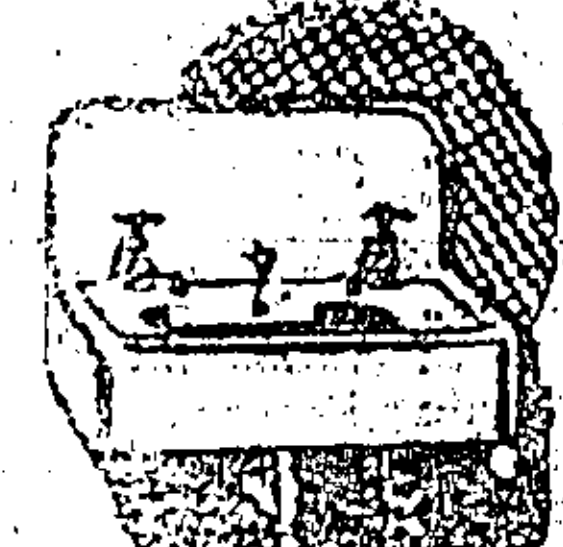
With the addition of the new clause the Bill passed all remaining stages and became law.

The second reading of an Ordinance to amend the Liquors Consolidation Ordinance, 1911, was not taken at the meeting.

The council adjourned sine die.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was also held when the votes, details of which have already been published, were considered and approved.

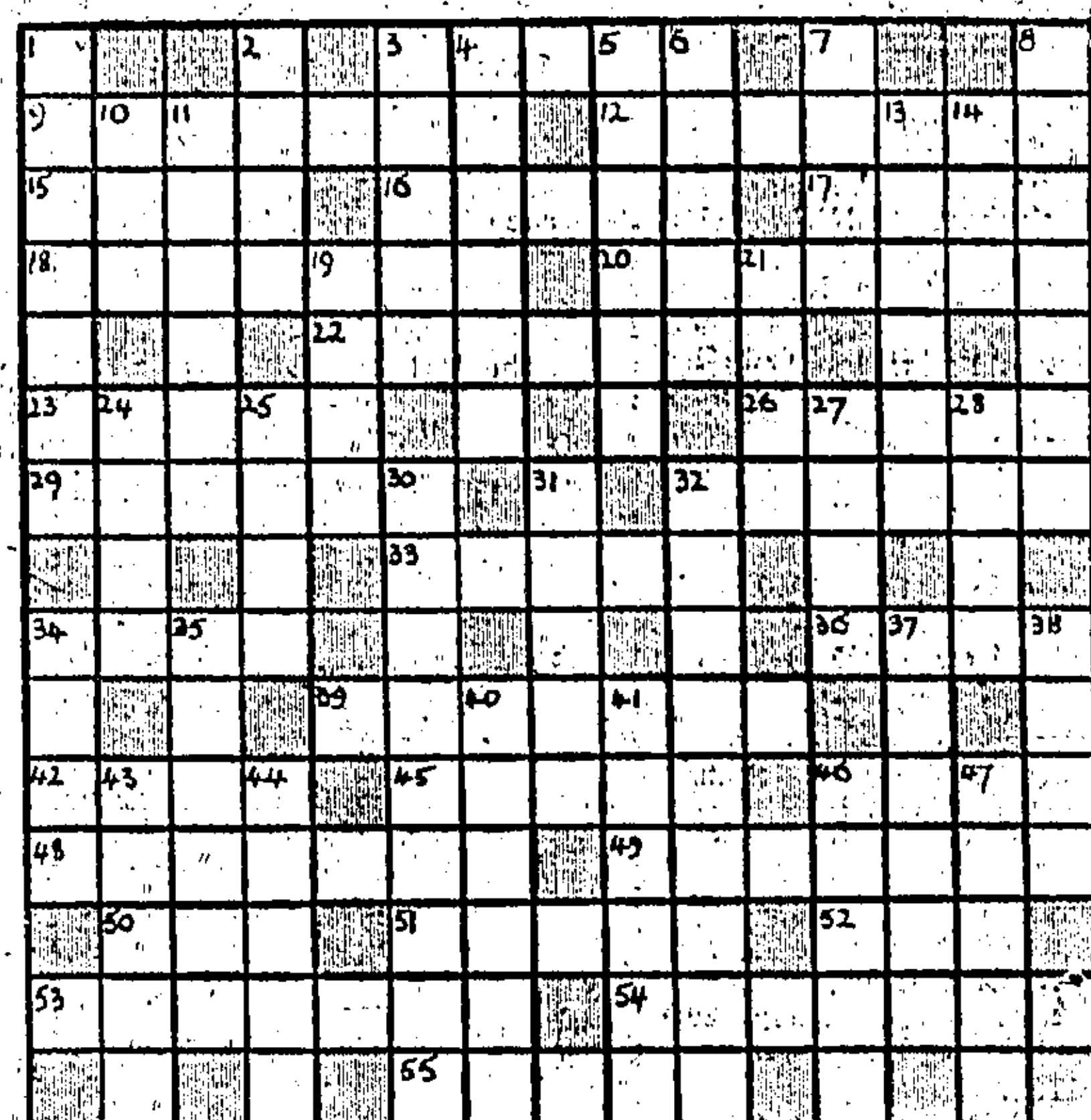
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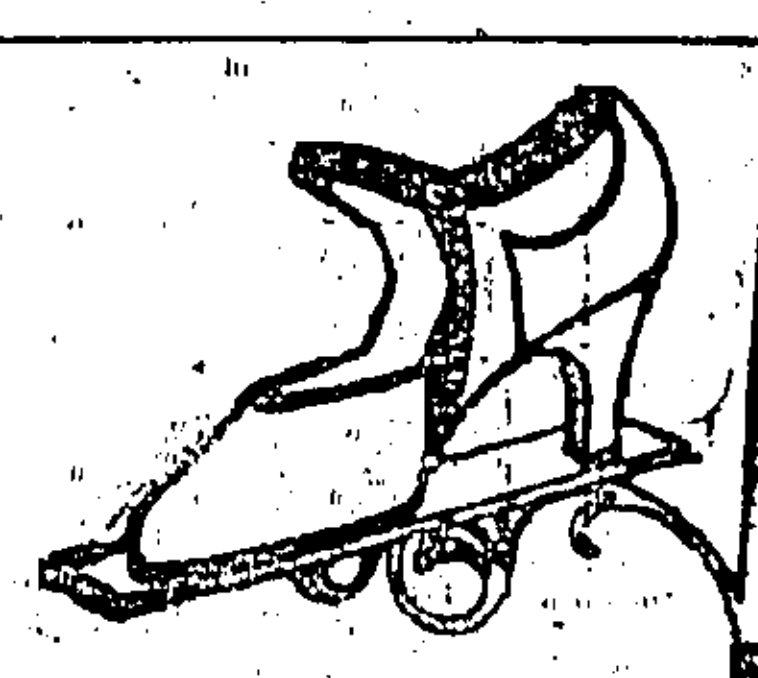
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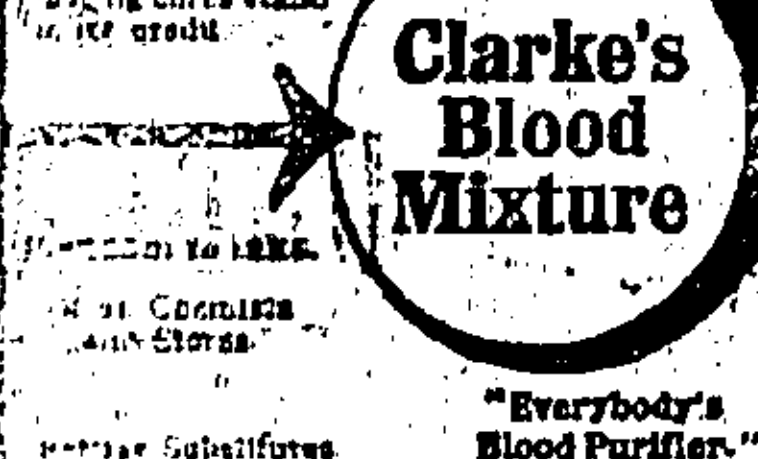
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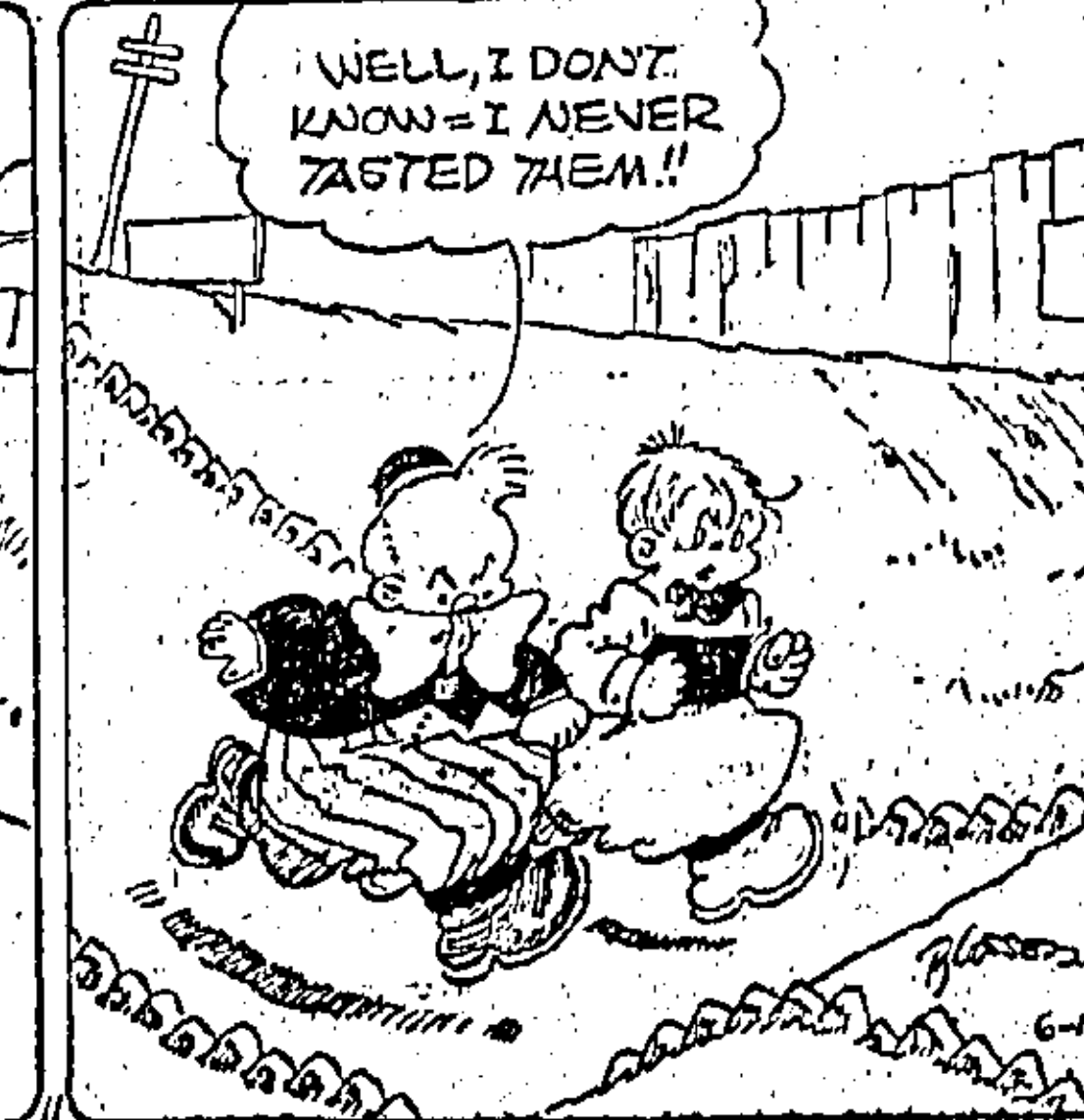
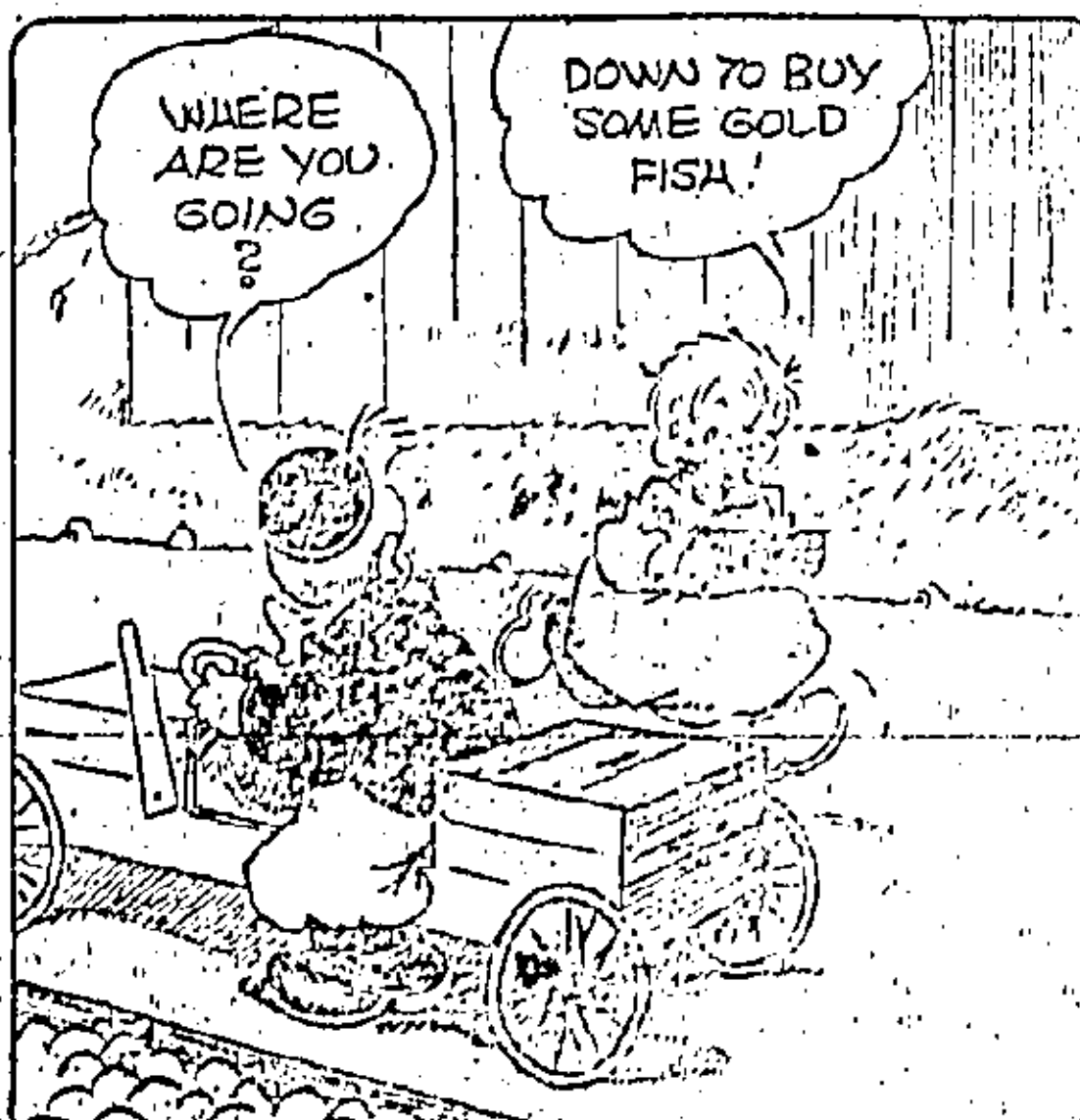


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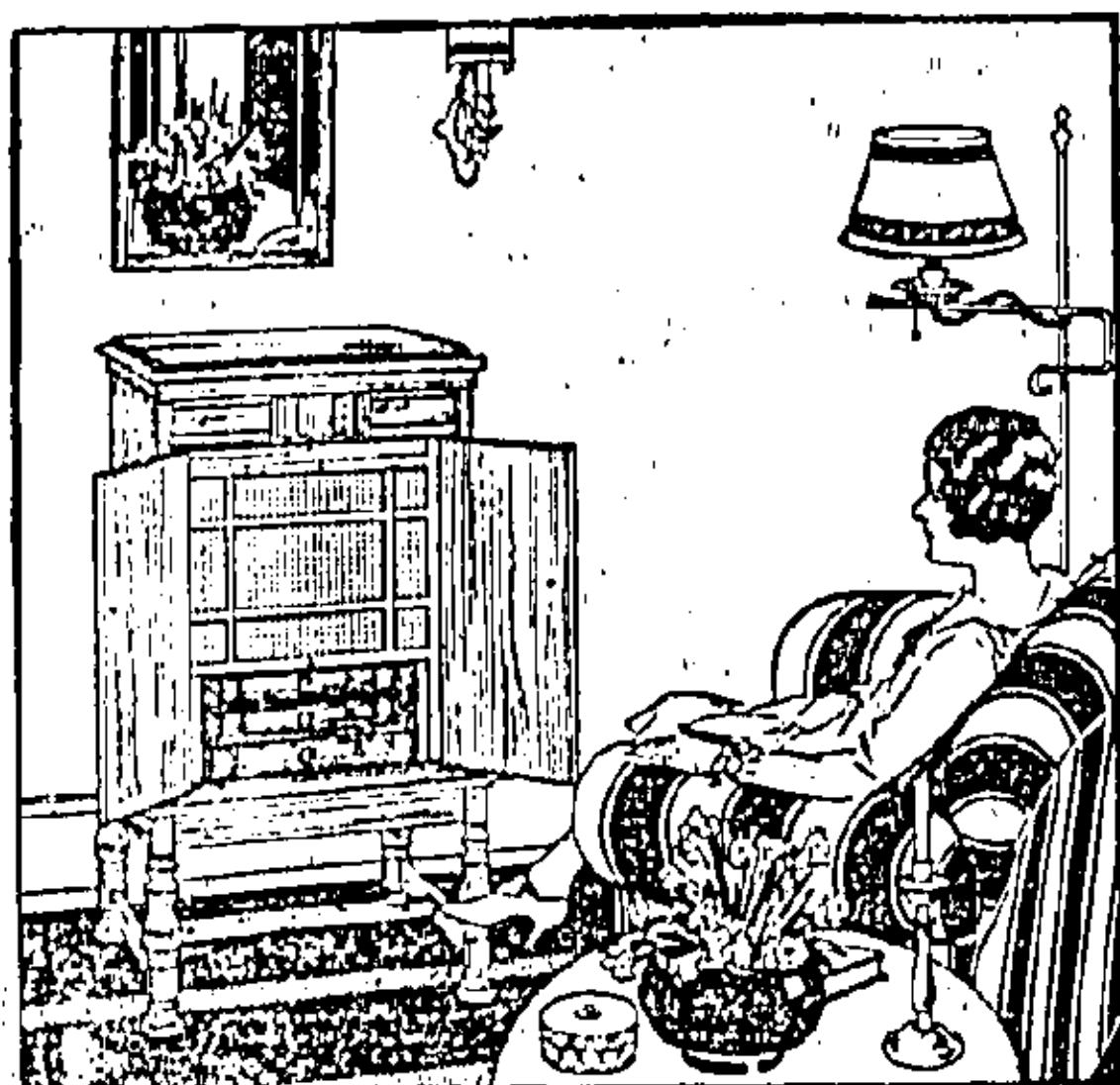
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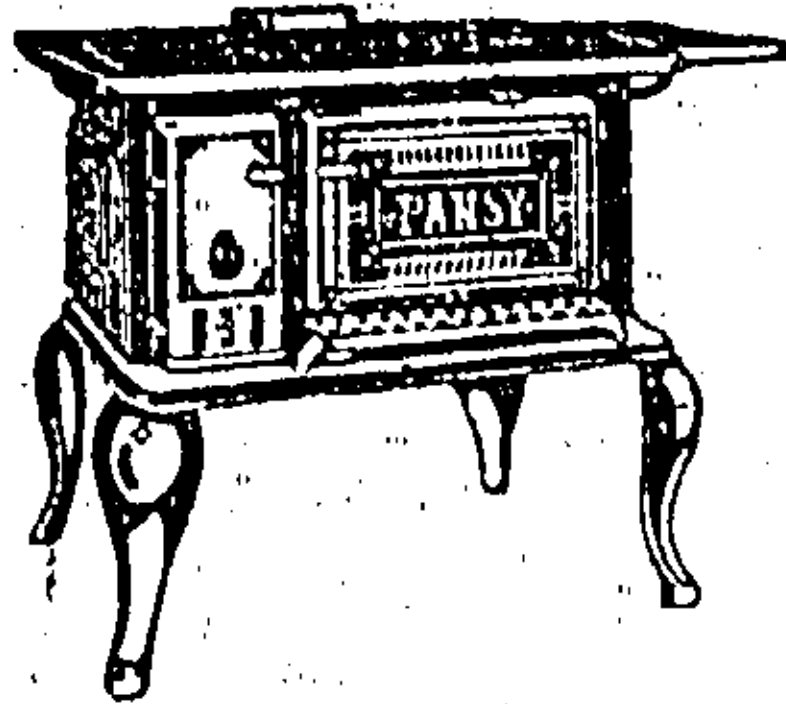
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ENGAGEMENT.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1927.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

The possibility that the victory of the Mukden (or Fengtien) forces over those of General Yen Hsi-shan might lead to a cessation of warfare between the North and the South, on account of the fact that Marshal Chang Tso-lin's hold on Peking has been strengthened beyond the likelihood of loosening by the present forces of the South, is a most intriguing one, typical of the speculations in which the foreign correspondents of Peking love to indulge. Now that China's champion fence-rider, General Yen, is off his perch, the frankly opposing parties know just where they stand—a thing they did not know before. There has been a stalemate for some months past because neither the South nor the North were quite certain on which side General Yen would fall, and he was then coupled a factor sufficiently powerful to make the others wary. But he has now been ousted (and decisively so) by Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the allied Ankuochun troops, which have automatically gained an accession of strength not only in morale but in actual fighting prowess. Well might it be suggested that the South, not yet united within itself and most certainly in need of financial and other replenishment, will not dare to prosecute a winter campaign. The rigours of the North would be better withstood by the northern forces, and the southern troops are far too uncertain in their allegiance to the various parties into which the Nationalists seem to have split. There is the elusive Feng Yu-hsiang lying in wait in the north-west, but it would not be surprising to see the Ankuochun having a determined smack at him now that the Shansi buffer has been removed. The line of the Yangtze might very well be agreed upon (tacitly if not openly) between the North and the South as demarcating their respective spheres of influence, although one doubts Peking's willingness to allow the South to retain the rich prize of

Shanghai. It is in regard to the latter that the question of an agreed "compromise" arises, and some sharing arrangement would possibly be entered into as the price of a cessation of the fighting which has gone on with fluctuating intensity and fortunes for these many months past.

One cannot imagine the Nationalists of Nanking surrendering any of the "principles" they so ostentatiously parade, and neither can one imagine (for the present at any rate) Marshal Chang Tso-lin and his associates subscribing to those principles, so that the prospect of a unified China is actually no nearer to-day than it was before General Yen was reduced to a state of impotence. The only prospect that offers is an interregnum of peace, and for merely that there will doubtless be devout thanks. If the split between the Wuhan and Nanking factions of the Nationalists be healed, in spite of the somewhat "extreme" nature of the first-named regime, there will then be two main parties, each strong enough to avoid total defeat by the other. And in connexion with this aspect of China's present situation one is reminded of the plea, often advanced by keen students of the country, that partition as between North and South is the only practicable solution of the everlasting friction between the two. It is contended that their ideas and outlook are so fundamentally different as to preclude the possibility of amicable relationships—at least for long—and that a division of the country would solve what has been an age-long problem. For ourselves we are not enamoured of the idea, but as a temporary expedient during the period in which China is going to develop a better national consciousness than now, it might help in the great task of ridding the country of wasteful, internecine war. The possibilities of the moment are many, and one can only hope that they are being thoroughly explored from every angle by those of all parties in whose hands now rest the reins of power.

Immigration Questions.

The Conservative convention in Canada has passed a resolution designed to create a better scheme of immigration (in the eyes of the convention) than is at present in force. In this the party comprising the conference have naturally been biased against the prevailing regime, on a matter of politics, yet their suggestions deserve consideration insofar as they advocate a better co-operation with Britain, thereby increasing the proportion of British immigrants, and the repatriation of Canadians. It is a remarkable feature of the North American emigration question, that United States citizens leave their own country to settle in Canada, just as many Canadians return to the complement. A number of Colonials, again, go far afield in the search, maybe, for what they consider better living conditions. Australians emigrate to America in fair proportion, or to other parts of the Empire, for instance. It goes to show the independence of human nature, but comes as something of a surprise to those who look upon the "new countries" as places where there is ample room for all, and, indeed, an urgent need for them. Taking the immigration problems of the British colonies as a whole, the main point for solution is the undoubted absence of attraction for certain individuals to settle in the Empire territories, owing to the dissemination of tales of undue hardships to the newcomer without capital. How far these may, in certain instances, be justified, it is hard to tell, but seemingly there is occasional overlapping of policies, or apathy on the part of authority, which sends many a man home disappointed after a few months in some selected colony. Canada is admittedly one of the most promising territories for starting new careers, and anything which can be done to make its attractions more evident to the right type of immigrant is to be encouraged.

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DAY BY DAY.

A NEMESIS MAY BE REMOVED FROM A DIAMOND BY CAREFUL POLISHING, BUT EVIL WORDS ONCE SPOKEN CANNOT BE EFFACED.—Confucius.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Forecast:—"N.E. winds, strong, cloudy."

A flock of a shop at No. 30, Ship Street is reported to have absconded with \$283, which he collected on behalf of his master from various customers a few days ago.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. J.D. Wakeman, merchant, 106 Route Ferguson, Shanghai, to Miss D. L. Makin, bound for Hongkong on board the s.s. Antenor.

A Sunbeam motor cycle, sports model, No. 599 belonging to Mr. E. Ponsford is reported missing since yesterday afternoon. The machine was left by the owner outside the European Y. M. C. A., Kowloon.

Harbour Office reports for the 24 hours ending at nine o'clock this morning gave eight arrivals and ten departures, British figures being two and two respectively. British ships took a small percentage of cargo which was fairly heavy.

A curious motor accident was reported to the police yesterday, the driver of fire engine No. 8 stating that his engine was damaged by a motor car running into it. From the police report, it would appear that the motor car escaped undamaged.

Two months' hard labour was the sentence imposed on a Chinese convicted of the larceny of a fountain pen from the person of a stranger in the Colony who was proceeding to a boarding house, after having landed from the s.s. San Lai from Singapore.

Dangerous goods manifested in today's Harbour Office returns were by the s.s. Takliwa from Yokohama and Amoy, with three cases of match powder, two boxes match mediate, and 300 cases and 2,116 tin boxes of safety matches for Hongkong; also 2,004 cases of safety matches for Singapore and Penang.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Delta, Macedonia, Soochow, Fooksang, Tean, Solviken, Tjibodas, Van Heutz, Tonkin, Anking, War Affridi, Romolo, Sachsen, Shinsei Maru, Wakasa Maru, Fushimi Maru, Bandou Maru, Chinese Prince, Hosang, Limchow, Kalgan, Agna, Coblenz, Anking, Haihong and Pres. Taft.

A sentence of one month's hard labour was passed by Major C. Willson this morning on a Chinese girl who was found guilty of the theft of a pair of gold bangles and \$10 in cash from No. 15, second Street. When arrested, the police found the sum of \$32 in her possession, together with a gold ring. In answer to questions she stated that the bangles were pawned and with part of the proceeds she purchased a gold ring. His Worship ordered the money and the ring to be handed over to the victim of the larceny an old Chinese woman.

When the s.s. Wing Hung arrived in the Colony yesterday from Wuchow, it was learned, says the vernacular press, that the management of the vessel had signed an agreement with the Chinese authorities at Dosing, consenting to be subjected to search by the Chinese customs there, this being the only demand on the part of the Dosing authorities, who after signing the agreement sent letters to the Shihing authorities requesting the latter to cease boycotting the Wuchow steamers flying the British flag. It is said that the union of cargo loading coolies at Shihing demands that the Wuchow steamers pay them a monthly allowance of \$100, before they will agree to start loading and unloading for the vessels, and it is believed this may cause more trouble.

The vernacular press states that the Swatow boycott against Japanese goods was relaxed recently, when the city was occupied by the "Red" troops, and when everything was in a very disorderly condition. Yesterday a telegram was received by a local Japanese shipping company to the effect that cargo for Swatow may not be able to reach the shore at present. This probably is due to the fact that the city has now been taken over by troops from Canton, and that the pickets are active again in searching for Japanese cargo. On her last trip to Swatow the s.s. Chaochow, which took some cases of piece-goods and marine products, could only get part moved ashore, 33 cases being reported to have been brought back by the vessel. Local Chinese merchants are now adopting a waiting attitude, as regards the advisability of sending more goods to Swatow, states the vernacular report.

BROKERS' RICKSHAS.

A SUMMONS FOR OBSTRUCTION.

Appearing at the Central Police Court this morning in connexion with a summons for obstruction, brought in respect of one of his firm's rickshas, Mr. C. A. Fulcher, of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, said he understood that the offence was that of parking the vehicle unattended in the lane between Exchange Building and Powell's Building. He understood that Lane Crawford's objected to this, and he (witness) had seen Mr. D. M. Goodall, who then said that this case came up through their lorry having run into and broken a ricksha about a month ago, when the ricksha was left unattended in the lane.

It would seem that Lane Crawford's had no objection to rickshas being parked there during weekdays, so long as the coolies were in attendance. But during the week-ends, these rickshas were an obstruction to their lorry when left unattended and when the lorry had to use this lane.

Mr. Fulcher said that as matters stood at present, there was no proper parking space for broker's rickshas except in the lane in question.

Major C. Willson granted an adjournment of the summons, on Mr. Fulcher stating that he would endeavour to come to some arrangement for the accommodation of his firm's rickshas.

LOCAL WEDDING.

MCMAHON-BLUNSDON.

The marriage was solemnized at St. John's Cathedral this morning between Miss Muriel Jane Blunsdon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blunsdon, of Hongkong, and Mr. T. McMahon, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. McMahon, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiating.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming dress of white satin and white goorgette, trimmed with silver lace, and carried a bouquet of white roses and white Honolulu creeper. Miss Patsy Kerr, the bridesmaid, was attired in a dress of blue crepe de chine with biscuit-coloured trimming, and overlay lace dress, and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses and pink Honolulu creeper. Miss Helen Lindsell was the flower girl.

Mr. Alfred Pice acted as "best man."

A reception was later held at Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., the happy couple afterwards leaving for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bride's going away dress was of a green Arabian silk with hat to match.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THAT DOG CAGE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Yesterday, along with another lady friend, I was walking along Salisbury Road, Kowloon, about fifteen minutes when the Police dog catcher complete with cage, passed us.

It was a disgusting sight. If dogs must be killed on our streets and they must be carried about afterwards, surely they might, at least be covered up and not open to the public gaze.—Yours, etc., DISTRACTED.

Kowloon, October 14.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Oct. 13.
Paris	124
Geneva	26.25
Berlin	20.41
Oslo	18.48 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Bucharest	785
Buenos Aires	47.59/64
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
New York	48.15/32
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Stockholm	18.08
Vienna	34.52 1/2
Madrid	28.17 1/2
Athens	307 1/2
Bombay	1/5.15/16
Yokohama	34.97
Brussels	89.3/16
Copenhagen	18.17
Helsingfors	129 1/2
Lisbon	27/16
Shanghai	5.20/32
Silver (spot and forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.
The Wah Yan Old Boys Union will hold a concert to-morrow night, at the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The Very Idea!

A young couple contemplating matrimony waited upon the parish minister. "We're come to tell ye we're gaun to get married, minister," said the young fellow. "Good, John. I'm delighted to hear it. And what about the banns?" "Ach, we'll no bother wi' a bann," said the swain, bashfully. "A dozen bottles o' whusky and a melodeon is good enough for the likes of us."

Finding a breakfast egg added, a holiday camper at Lyme Regis, Dorset, threw it away. It struck a passing motor-cyclist full in the face, and nearly knocked him off his machine, as he was descending a steep main road. The egg-thrower was fined £1 by the local magistrates.

Willesden wife: My husband has taken away my name, so I have left him.

Nottingham wife: My husband will be teetotal when beer is unget-at-able!

Woman at Old-street Police Court: My neighbour is always doing something or other to annoy me. Only a few days ago she cut her husband's head open with a chopper.

Woman giving evidence at Stratford: I wondered where the devil my husband was, Magistrate? Why bring in his Satanic Majesty? Woman: I did not, I was looking for my husband.

Woman at West Ham: To keep her quiet I had to go out and fight her.

Overhead in a tramcar.—First Woman—"My husband goes out every night for a little constitutional. Does yours?"

Second Woman—"No, my husband always keeps it in the house."

National art tends to-day to be too grey.—Sir Evelyn Cecil.

The great thing for a woman is to have enthusiasm.—Mrs. L. A. Willson.

Allotment-holding provides an antidote to Bolshevism.—Sir Francis Dyke-Acland.

The application of optical science in industry would save an enormous wastage in efficiency.—Mr. R. O. Raphael.

Olsen: "Why are you looking so miserable?"

Johnson: "I've just got a letter saying, 'If you don't keep away from my wife I'll kill you!'"

Olsen: "Well, what's in that to make you so wretched?"

Johnson: "He, didn't sign his name!"

An African funeral dirge in the Yoruba tongue, specially written by M. Lapido Solanke, was sung at St. Martin-in-the-Fields recently at the end of a memorial service to Dr. James E. Kwegyir Aggrey, Vice-Principal of the Prince of Wales College, Achimota, Gold Coast, who died suddenly in New York on July 20. The service was arranged by the West African Students' Union.

Dogs are now part of the up-to-date Mayfair bride's equipment for the altar. Mrs. Quintin Dick and Lord Howe dispensed with most of the "fixtures and trappings" of the society wedding when they were married at St. Mark's, and also dispensed with the usual honeymoon trip. There was no reception. The bride, however, followed the recent fashion of bringing her dog along, in this instance, a Labrador.

A member of a congregation, becoming angry at a sermon the minister was preaching, wrote the single word "Fool" on a sheet of paper, called a sidesman to him, and had it delivered to the minister in the middle of his sermon.

The minister opened the paper and read what was written. Then he said: "An unusual thing has happened. A member of the congregation has signed his name without writing the letter."

"You have made your hero too inflammable, I'm afraid," said the critic to the younger author. "To begin with, he has a lantern jaw. In Chapter II, his whole face is lit up; in Chapter III, his cheeks flamed."

"He gave a burning glance in Chapter X; and after blazing with wrath and boiling with rage he administered a scorching rebuke in the last five pages."

The motor taxi cabs have caught on in Bangkok, and are cheaper and faster than rickshas. For threepence halfpenny a mile one can travel any distance, and the owner drivers are always willing to bargain with a fare. A driver who asks for a tical fare will do the journey for eighty cents. Fares at night are slightly higher, and one can take one's choice from a baby Austin to large six-seaters. The owner drivers are making a living they say, but the number of hire cars on the street is increasing daily and as in the search for fares they wander up and down the streets the congestion of Bangkok's narrow thoroughfares threatens to become worse rather than better.—A Correspondent.

LOCAL MILITARY RED TAPE.

STONECUTTERS TRAGEDY MYSTERY.

SECRECY AND SILENCE.

On the night of Tuesday, September 27th, two Indian soldiers were killed and another seriously injured on Stonecutters Island, during firing practice with a six-inch Coast Defence gun.

Beyond officially confirming the bare fact that the men were killed and injured by a "blow back" during gun firing practice, the military authorities, whom we have constantly approached on the matter, refuse to give any further information.

On the day following the tragedy, we asked to be allowed to attend the enquiry which we knew would be held, but were told that the enquiry would be held on Stonecutters, and that on no account could permission be given to a pressman to land on that island. We were given to understand, however, that some account of the enquiry would be furnished later.

The enquiry extended over several sittings, and now that it is concluded we are informed that nothing further can be furnished us.

We have made enquiries at the Central Magistracy and at the Kowloon Magistracy and we find that no Coroner's Inquest has been held on the two unfortunate Indians who were killed.

Apparently it is possible in this Colony for two men to be killed in the course of their duty and, owing to military "red tape," for nothing to be made public regarding the circumstances of the accident. This is totally at variance with the practice at home, and obviously contrary to the British spirit of full and free enquiry and publicity. The Press, as representing the public, attend official enquiries at home, for the public have a right to know who or what was to blame when any of its soldiers or sailors lose their lives by mischance whilst on duty.

A few years ago we had occasion to draw attention to some difficulty which one of our representatives had in obtaining admission to a Court Martial, which, under the Army Act, must be open to the public. Surely the public have an equal right to know what transpires at an enquiry such as that held in connexion with the Stonecutters Island tragedy?

The close secrecy which has been maintained is liable to lead to what are possibly mistaken assumptions.

THE LEITER ESTATE.

COUNTESS OF SUFFOLK TO APPEAL.

Chicago, Oct. 13. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit over the Leiter millions have decided to appeal.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A message of September 25 stated:

Superior Court Judge Dennis Sullivan denied the motion of Marguerite Hyde, Countess of Suffolk, to set aside her brother, Joseph Leiter, a Chicago millionaire, as trustee of the estate of her father, Levi Leiter, Chicago merchant, valued at \$30,000,000.

The late Marguerite Curzon's daughters participated in the action against Joseph Leiter while the latter's sister, Mrs. Nancy Campbell, widow of a British Army officer, Colonel Campbell, took his side.

The Judge stated that he did not approve of all Joseph Leiter's transactions but nothing dishonest was shown with regard to the statement of witnesses that Leiter had lost \$30,000,000 by speculating in wheat. The Judge noted that the money had been lost before the death of Levi Leiter, who knew the type of man he was putting in as trustee of his estate. With regard to the suggestion that the antagonism between Joseph Leiter and his sisters would be detrimental to the estate, the Judge held that Leiter "had not asked the other trustees to leave the country and the departure of the sisters was almost an abandonment of their trusteeship."

"RED" TROOPS DEPORTED.

SENT TO CANTON.

The 116 "Red" troops who were taken into custody by the police when they landed at Shaikwan from a junk have been deported from the Colony in two batches. The first batch, numbering 56 men, were escorted aboard the Tug On for repatriation to Canton on Wednesday night, these being followed by the remainder, who left by the Sai On last night.

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT SHANGHAI.

POLICEMEN WOUNDED BY ARMED MEN.

IN FRENCH CONCESSION.

Two police assistants were badly wounded on Saturday evening, a small boy was shot, and an armed robber killed, as a result of a shooting affray in the French Concession, when a search party came upon four armed robbers, and after being fired upon, returned fire. One of the detective assistants probably is fatally wounded.

The French Concession, which until recently has been fairly immune from the armed robber scourge, has been visited of late by these gangs, to such an extent that even native police houses have not been free from the marauders. In view of this the authorities have adopted the usual means of combating them, and search parties have patrolled the roads during the early evening hours.

One of these parties last evening, whilst performing their duties on Rue Eugene Bard, noticed four men. As the searchers approached the suspected persons the robbers drew their pistols from their sleeves and opened fire. The police, almost immediately, returned fire. One of the armed men fell dead. In the ensuing melee, in which about 20 shots were exchanged, two of the assistants were struck by bullets. A boy in the neighbourhood was also wounded, to what extent is unknown.

The injured were removed to the Lester Hospital. One was shot in the abdomen, the other in the thigh. The remaining robbers made off through adjacent alleyways.

GEN. SUTTON RETIRES FROM CHINA.

DECIDES TO SETTLE IN CANADA.

General Frank Sutton, one of the most adventurous characters in China, former adviser and superintendent of the arsenals of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Northern generalissimo and introducer into China of the famous Stokes mortar, intends to settle down in Canada, according to a report in the Vancouver *Morning Star*.

This journal reports that Sutton has purchased a modern ten-story office building in Vancouver for a figure stated to be in the neighbourhood of a million dollars. The building is known as the Rogers building and is one of the best known structures in Vancouver.

Sutton is also reported to have purchased a ranch near Cariboo, British Columbia, and as several mining claims are attached to the ranch he intends to begin the development of them, the Vancouver newspaper states, quoting Sutton in an interview as saying that he intends to do the development work alone instead of forming a company to undertake it.

Sutton, as Chang Tso-lin's right-hand man was one of the most interesting men in China and had had an adventurous career in various parts of the country before becoming associated with the Mukden war-lord, whose cause he served for many years.

Sutton was a one-armed man, having lost the limb in an explosion but this in no way incapacitated him from a very active sporting life. One of his lucky achievements was the winning of the Champions sweepstake two years ago.

ECHO OF HARBOUR PIRACY.

REWARD OFFERED FOR ARRESTS.

As previously reported, one arrest was made in the search for the three men who were responsible for the daring holdup of the steam-launch Wo Fat Shing, and the robbery of \$24,000 worth of gold bars, which were being taken to the steamer *Prominent*.

On this man, a small bar stated to be worth only \$100 was recovered, but the remainder has not so far been traced.

A reward of \$1,000 is offered in this connexion for information which will lead to the recovery of the missing gold.

The case in which a young Chinese was charged with the murder of another at Kowloon City, was continued before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when a small boy who was with the party when the offence was committed told the court how the murder was done. The evidence was all corroborative of that of the previous hearing and the case was adjourned till this afternoon. Mr. T. G. Whyte-Smith is appearing for the Crown.

ALLEGED PLOT TO ROB A SHOP.

SCHEME FRUSTRATED BY POLICE.

The hearing was commenced at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, of the case in which three men, including a shop fook, are charged with conspiracy to commit an armed robbery at No. 134, Lai-chikok Road on the night of September 13. Two of the men were also charged with being concerned in an armed robbery.

According to the prosecution, two men entered the shop master's room from the cockpit, where they had apparently been hiding. While one man seized the master by the throat, the second overpowered his wife in a similar manner.

The two victims managed to utter cries of "save life," and a Chinese constable who was on patrol in Lai-chikok Road blew his police whistle for assistance. On the arrival of a second constable the front and rear of the house were guarded. The first constable then broke into the back-door, but found that he was unable to gain admission to the shop. He went into the back street again, and shortly afterwards one of the men was seen to emerge from the house. He was challenged, but ignored the command and was shot at, being hit in two places.

Further assistance was forthcoming, and a party of Police entered the house. A search was carried out, resulting in a second man being found hiding in the cockpit.

On the information of the two arrested men, a fook of the shop was later taken into custody on a charge of conspiracy, it being alleged that he admitted the men to the premises.

The case was adjourned.

SAVED BY SHIP.



George W. Hildeman, flying with Miss Ruth Elder across the Atlantic, has been saved by a Dutch ship after a forced descent.

STREET ACCIDENTS.

PEDESTRIANS KNOCKED DOWN.

A Chinese woman was knocked down near Western Street by a motor bus on the Aberdeen-Hongkong service. She sustained injuries which necessitated her removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

A coolie was also sent to the Government Civil Hospital from Kennedy Town. He was involved in a motor accident and was suffering from a fractured leg.

In Kowloon, a blind man, who attempted to cross Nathan Road opposite the Orient Tobacco Factory was knocked down by bus No. 100. He was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

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NORTHERN HINT AT COMPROMISE.

JAPANESE MISTRUSTFUL OF MUKDEN.

FEELERS FOR SOUTH.

Dairen, Sept. 26.

Gen. Chang Hsueh-liang is reported to have sent Wei Tao-feng to Nanking and Shanghai for the purpose of soliciting the views of such Southern leaders as Chiang Kai-shek, Hu Han-min, Tan Yen-kai, etc. in respect to a compromise between the Northerners and Southerners. Young Chang believes that the aims of the South coincide with those of the north and that there is no reason why both sides could not get together now that the Communist elements have been put on the run. It is widely believed in Manchuria, however, that this move of the "Young General" has been inspired by his father, who is scenting serious problems ahead and, therefore, is keen to surmount all obstacles with minimum loss of face.

In the meantime, Gen. Yang Yuting has been airing his views in Mukden, first, as to the possibility of a compromise between the North and South "without fear or favour," and, secondly, as to the anti-Japanese movement in Manchuria.

It having been hinted in Japanese circles that the movement had been engineered by the Manchurian authorities, Gen. Yang vigorously denies this by affirming that the movement had all the semblance of the work of radical agitators, whereas, on the other hand, it was a well-known fact the Manchurian authorities—at least, Yang Yuting and Marshal Chang Tso-lin—always had been strongly against radicalism.

The General blames both sides for recent events, declaring that the Japanese and Chinese newspapers materially have fanned the blaze by indulging in vitriolic comments, and the agitators had taken advantage of this fact to attract the attention of the ignorant. Had these newspapers refrained from passing fiery anti-Japanese and anti-Chinese remarks, and, instead, had counselled moderation and mutual friendship, there would have been no agitation at all. The ignorant always are easily led, declares Gen. Yang. "All you have to do is to have two soap-box orators on the job," and the unscrupulous agitators know it.

While in Mukden, Gen. Yang intends to bring all matters up to date and he has also in mind the reorganization of the Arsenal, to cope with the winter campaign, which is likely to be very severe.

M. RAKOWSKI RECALLED.

SUCCESSOR FROM JAPAN.

Paris, Oct. 13.

The Soviet Government has officially notified the Quai d'Orsay of the recall of M. Rakowski, whom it proposes to replace by M. Douglouovski, the Ambassador at Tokyo, and former Commissioner of Posts and Telegraphs.—*Reuter.*

Soviet Declines Responsibility.

Moscow, Oct. 13.

M. Chicherin's note to M. Herriot, the French Ambassador, announcing the Soviet decision to recall M. Rakowski, declares that the allegations of disloyalty and incorrigibility of behaviour against M. Rakowski are baseless, and the recall of M. Rakowski, to whose efforts and energy the Franco-Soviet conference largely owes the results reached, must be morally harmful to the conference, and must most unfavourably affect its future labours.

The Soviet declines the smallest responsibility for the consequences of his recall.—*Reuter.*

Paris, Oct. 13. M. Douglouovski was an electrical engineer, who was deported to Siberia under the Tsarist regime, but escaped in 1908.—*Reuter.*

SOUTHERN'S LADY CANDIDATE.

COUNTESS OF IVEAGH TO CONTEST SEAT.

London, Oct. 13.

It is understood that the Countess of Iveagh has consented to stand as a Conservative candidate for Southend-on-Sea, in the by-election caused by the succession of her husband to the title of Earl of Iveagh through the death of his father.

The Countess of Iveagh thus follows the example of Lady Astor, who became a Member of Parliament for Plymouth on the accession of her husband to the peerage; of Mrs. Wintringham, who became a member for a constituency in place of her husband, who died; and of Mrs. Hilton Phillips, who successfully contested a seat which her husband lost owing to a technical irregularity in his election.—*British Wireless.*

DISASTER NARROWLY AVERTED.

EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE AT SHANGHAI.

COOLIES BADLY BURNED.

The explosion of two drums of gasoline on Sunday at the A. P. C. Lower Wharf, Pootung, which wounded two Chinese coolies, probably fatally, might have assumed serious proportions had they fallen into the hold of a lighter alongside the vessel which was being discharged. As it was, they fell on the deck of the lighter, and not into the open hatch. The hold was partially full.

As far as can be ascertained from the Chinese at work at the time, it seems that a small Dutch ship was unloading drums of petrol. About 4.30 p.m., two drums either slipped from the sling, or the sling rope broke, and they fell. The sling had cleared the side of the vessel, fortunately, and the drums dropped on to the deck of the lighter, where, they either broke and ignited from a lighted cigarette end, or exploded on contact with the deck. The force of the explosion knocked two coolies senseless, and shattered several hatch strongbacks and splintered portions of the hatch-covers and the deck, blowing fragments into the river. The coolies were badly burned, and one suffered a broken left leg, and a severed tendon. His body was horribly burned, hardly an unburned inch of flesh being left. The other received bad burns on the arms and chest. The former is not expected to live, with the latter it is touch and go.

Flames Tackled. The crew of the vessel brought the emergency fire-fighting apparatus into play and put out the fire on the lighter.

News of the fire reached the Central fire station at 4.48 p.m. Capt. J. Dyson, Chief of the Brigade, immediately ordered the Municipal Fire Float, the Customs Float, and Yangtzeport to respond, and forthwith, Central station manned the Municipal Float, and assisted the Customs Float, while Yangtzeport crossed in smaller craft. Upon arrival it was learned that the flames had been quenched.

First aid measures were applied to the injured Chinese, the one being so badly burned that all available gauze and bandages and picric acid solution were used in dressing his wounds, and recourse was had to wharf supplies to tend to the lesser wounded man.

Captain Dyson ordered a boat to take the men to Lay Road Jetty, where the Municipal Red Cross van awaited their arrival. They were taken to St. Luke's Hospital at once, where further medical attention was rendered.

The amount of damage is relatively small, but it is believed in certain quarters, that had the liquid exploded in the hold of the lighter it might have, in turn, caused the greater quantity to explode, possibly doing an untold damage to the vessel itself.

GANG OF PICKPOCKETS.

RAIDED THIS MORNING.

A notorious gang of pickpockets were routed out of their den at a house in Second Street by a party of police from Headquarters this morning.

Following the receipt of certain information, Detective Sergeant A. V. Baker led a raid on the building, arresting seven Chinese who were found in an upper floor, taking them to the Central Police Station where they were detained.

Subsequently, two of the prisoners were released, but the remainder are being held for deportation from the Colony.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. How many breeds of dogs are there?
2. What is perhaps the chief physiological difference between the modern dog and its relatives, the wolf, fox, and jackal?
3. What is the average number of teeth possessed by dogs?
4. What is a dingo?
5. (a) Who founded the first English dog club? (b) When and where was the first dog show held in England?
6. What is the Kennel Club?
7. How does the law affect dangerous dogs?
8. What is a whippet?
9. How did the Romans classify dogs?
10. What is the modern classification?
11. By what race were dogs worshipped?
12. And what race regarded dogs as unclean animals?

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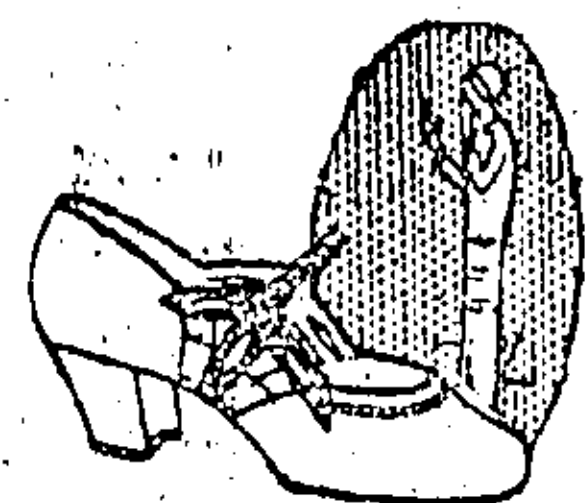
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ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS YESTERDAY.

The annual general meeting of members of the Hongkong Cricket Club was held in the main auditorium of the Club yesterday evening. Mr. T. E. Pearce presiding over a fairly large attendance. He was supported by Mr. H. A. Nisbet, Mr. R. M. Hodgson, Mr. F. Syme, Mr. J. H. Ramsay, Mr. A. C. I. Thomson, Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mr. A. W. Hayward, Mr. R. M. Henderson and Mr. L. S. Greenhill, hon. Secretary.

After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting the Chairman said:—
As the report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission follow, the usual procedure of this Club and take them as read.

In view of the large expenditure involved in the additions and alterations now being undertaken, it is particularly pleasing to be able to place before you a record of financial condition of our finances fully justifies us in the big venture we decided upon last June.

As you will observe the total working expenses at \$12,247.65 is within \$8 of last year's total. In these days, when the tendency is usually upward, I think this feature of the accounts is most gratifying.

There has been a slight falling off in subscriptions, the total amount collected being \$11,558, or \$254 less than last year. This falling off is accounted for principally by the movements of the Navy and the consequent absence of many Naval subscribers during the winter months. I venture to predict, however, that this source of income will show a considerable gain next year.

Working Expenses.

It is interesting to note that the amount collected in Subscriptions practically covers the working expenses of the Club, and I hope it will be able to report a similar state of affairs next year.

After providing for Debenture Interest, Bad Debts and Writings down the value of the Club's properties to the extent of \$1,019.80, there is a balance at Credit of the Profit and Loss Account of \$6,718.59. I feel confident you will agree that this is a very satisfactory result to the year's working.

There is only one other item to which I would refer in the Profit and Loss account and that is Bad Debts. I suppose if the accounts appeared one year without this item we would imagine the millennium had arrived.

A fair proportion of the small amount to be written off this year consists of small accounts, due probably to forgetfulness when members and subscribers leave the port. It is pleasant to be able to report that the committee this year have had little need to use the drastic powers entrusted to them.

Appeal to Members.

As you will have seen advertised, and in accordance with the Debenture Bond, we are to-day drawing a further 90 Debentures for redemption, which will reduce the number outstanding to 374.

There is one other item in the balance sheet to which I would refer and that is Members' Debts. Overdue Accounts, \$821.92. These are mostly July cheques, due for payment not later than the 15th September, which were outstanding at the 31st August.

Practically the whole amount has since been collected.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge members and subscribers not to leave payment of their accounts until the last possible moment. The post of secretary to this Club is an honorary one, and it would save a deal of time and trouble if he was relieved from the necessity of sending out unpleasant reminders for payment.

Sports Results.

Although the results of the cricket season do not show up well, it was satisfactory from one point of view, that a greater number of members played.

Mr. Hayward is to be congratulated on his consistent form and some sparkling innings, and both Mr. Vallack and Mr. Bowker on untiring bowling efforts on several important occasions.

In connexion with Cricket I would like to mention the name of Mr. Burgess, who as team secretary did so much of the necessary work in getting sides together.

This job is now vacant, and if there is any one who will volunteer, the cricket sub-committee will be glad to hear from him.

Very keen interest was displayed in the Interport fixture against Shanghai, which Hongkong lost, after a thrilling finish, by one wicket.

I would on behalf of the Club again thank all those who did so much to make that week the success it was. As you are aware, we are expecting a visit from both Shanghai and Malaya in about five weeks time, and as we are hoping to be able to fit in a match for each of these visiting teams against the United Services, we can look forward to a fortnight's very entertaining cricket. I am sure everyone connected with the Club, will do his best to make the festival a record success.

Lawn Tennis.

Although the entries for the annual tennis tournament showed a slight falling off, I think public interest was as keen as ever.

Rain intervened a good deal, but the tournament was got through with commendable promptitude. Congratulations to Messrs. S. A. and H. D. Rumlach for winning the Open Doubles Championship for the third year in succession, and to Mr. S. E. Green for winning the Club Championship for the third year in succession.

I am pleased to be able to announce that Mr. Ho Kpm-tong has generously

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C. C. v. 1ST NORTHAMPTON REGT.

An interesting match between the Kowloon C. C. and the 1st Northampton Regt. was played on the K. C. C. ground yesterday, ending in a draw. The feature of the match was a brilliant century by Lt. Col. Barber, who scored 105 of the Northants total of 180. He hit 14 fours.

The K. C. C. lost six wickets for 100 runs when stumps were drawn.

Scores:—
1st Northampton Regt.

Lt. Col. W. D. Barber, st. Bruce, b. Murray 105
Pte. Meikle, c. Bevis, b. Lyle 3
Lt. J. R. Wetherall, c. Elliott, b. Lyle 29
Lt. R. G. W. Melsome, b. Murray 33
Sergeant Loveland, not out 6
Extras 6

Total (4 wks. dec.) 180

Capt. J. W. Hinchcliffe, Lt. J. Bullard, Sergeant Freshwater, Sergeant Albrecht, Corporal Good and Pte. Howes did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lyle	13	1	40	2
Dale	10	1	36	1
Murray	8.5	—	11	—
Bruce	3	—	11	—
Bevis	4	—	30	—
Ross	2	—	17	—

Kowloon C. C.

W. Bruce, b. Freshwater	22
Lt. K. Hunt, c. Albrecht, b. Wetherall	27
J. Dick, c. Meikle, b. Wetherall	30
Lt. H. A. Dale, not out	3
Lt. A. V. Elliott, lb.w., Freshwater	2
Capt. F. G. Bevis, c. Freshwater, b. Melsome	0
J. C. Lyle, not out	5
Extras	10
Total (for 5 wks.)	100

Rev. J. P. Murray, H. T. Buxton and N. H. Ross did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Melsome	14	3	40	1
Freshwater	9	2	24	2
Wetherall	5	—	22	2
Howes	2	—	4	—

Volunteers v. Indians.
The following will represent the Volunteers in their match with the Indian Recreation Club at Sokumpoo on Sunday afternoon: H. Buxton, C. T. Evans, E. C. Fincher, J. R. Hinton, S. Jex C. P. Lammert, O. Moor, H. V. Parker, (capt.) A. Reid, J. A. Summers and C. D. Wales.

BILLIARDS.

Y.M.C.A. INTER-CLUB MATCH.

In a return billiards match at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday night the home side gained a handsome revenge for their defeat at the European Y.M.C.A. recently, winning by 274 points.

The scores were:—
Chinese Y.M.C.A.:—Yuk Tat-tung, 145; Wong Lau-yiu, 200; Yeung Pak-lu, 200; Tsang Chung-nin, 200; Leung Ko-chun, 200; and T. C. Cheah (capt.), 200—1145.
European Y.M.C.A.:—Cresswell, 200; Leach, 187; Murray, 113; Richards, 113; Ponsford, 109; and W. L. Walker (capt.), 149—817.

Exhibition Match.

Another exhibition match, between Bandmaster Cresswell of the Northamptonshire, and Guardsman Hine, is to be played on Saturday, October 22nd, at the European Y.M.C.A., commencing at 8.30 p.m. On this occasion Guardsman Hine will concede his opponent 100 points.

ly offered to replace the Challenge Cup for the Open Doubles Championship which were won outright by the Rumlach cousins this year.

Rain sadly interfered with the Hong Doubles Handicap, which nevertheless proved a success, a greater number entering than before. It was eventually won by Messrs. Piercy and Cornaby of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.

do not think there is anything further for me to add, except perhaps to say that the completion of the alterations and additions is still promised for the 15th November, when I hope the discomfort you have put up with for the last few months will be ended for a long period of years.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented; passed, and after that has been seconded, I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer any questions in connexion with them.

This was seconded by Mr. D. H. Elake and carried.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. H. R. B. Hancock as President, the chairman said Mr. Hancock would return to the Colony early in December. They all knew what a keen personal interest he took in the Club, and he thought there was no one else who could be considered for the position.

Mr. A. Brearley seconded and the motion was carried.

The Committee was re-elected, the members being composed of the gentlemen supporting the Chairman.

The Chairman remarked he was glad that the Committee had been re-elected, because they were taking a very keen interest in the alterations and additions. The sub-committee must some time ago and would like to see the work through.

LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI TEAM AT POLICE R. C.

The turf had sufficiently recovered from its drenching yesterday to enable the Shanghai lawn bowls team to obtain a little more practice in preparation for the Interport, which it has been decided, will now take place on the Craigengower green on Saturday afternoon. The Interport should have been played yesterday, but on account of the heavy rain was postponed and a match with the Police arranged.

Shanghai having eight representatives here, it was agreed, in order to give all a game, to play two rinks. The Shanghai Interport team was split up, and Malcolm and Aitkenhead appeared in one rink and Brierley and Borrass in the other. Quite a number of spectators surrounded the Police green and saw two very good games, in which honours were even.

"The game which attracted most interest was that in which Malcolm (Shanghai) and Mair (Police) were the skips. The result of this was as follows:

Police R. C.	Shanghai.
Glendenning	Richards
West	Harvey
Moss	Aitkenhead
Mair	12 Malcolm
	19

The game opened in Shanghai's favour two singles and a two being registered before the Police obtained their first point. The latter then scored on three heads in succession, one on each, and Shanghai replied similarly. The play was quite good, and the game even. At the ninth head Shanghai led by 7 to 3 and at the eleventh by 9 to 4. The home team then had a look in. A three and a single took them to 8-9 and then followed two more singles, one on each side. At the 15th head the score was 10-9 in Shanghai's favour, and they continued to hold the advantage until the end, finishing up seven shots to the good.

The Lighter Side.

All the Shanghai four were in good form. Richards led very well. Harvey improved considerably towards the end. Aitkenhead did a lot of useful work at No. 3 and Malcolm proved a very capable and amusing skip. Malcolm takes his bowls seriously and unconsciously introduces a great deal of humour by his remarks on the green, which provides a constant source of entertainment for the spectators.

On the Police side, Mair was the outstanding player. He saved time and again, and but for him the Police would have suffered a much heavier defeat.

On the other rink the result was as follows:

Police R. C.	Shanghai.
Pears	Brierley
MacLachlan	Parr
Reid	Phillips
Grimmett	22 Borrass
	14

The standard of play was hardly as high as on the other rink, but nevertheless there was much to admire. The Police took the lead from the start and kept it throughout. On the whole, they were more consistent than the visitors, who were well served by Borrass at skip. Reid played a very good game for the Police and Grimmett did a number of useful things.

The Interport Match.

At the conclusion of the game, the Committee in charge of the arrangements met, and provisionally fixed Saturday afternoon for the Interport match.

NEXT WEEK'S FILMS.

"THE CAT AND THE CANARY" COMING.

Local cinema-goers are promised two notable productions next week, namely "The Black Pirate," with Douglas Fairbanks, which will be screened at the World Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, and the great mystery drama, "The Cat and the Canary," with Laura La Plante, which will be the feature attraction at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday to Saturday.

"The Black Pirate" has been screened in Hongkong before, but such is the glamour of the picture that it is sure to draw crowded houses during its coming run. Produced entirely in natural colours, "The Black Pirate" represents a splendid spectacle as well as a stirring tale of romance and adventure. Needless to say, it reveals Douglas Fairbanks at his best.

"The Cat and the Canary" is the film version of the celebrated stage success of the same name. Grotesque faces, mysterious hands, bizarre settings and eerie incidents heighten the suspense of the intensely dramatic story. Laura La Plante heads a distinguished cast, which includes Creighton Hale, Arthur Edmund Carew, Forrest Stanley, Tully Marshall, Gertrude Astor and Flora Finch.

THE CHESS DUEL.

ALEKHINE WINS ANOTHER GAME.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 13.
Alekhine won the twelfth game against Capablanca after forty moves.

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, October 15th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

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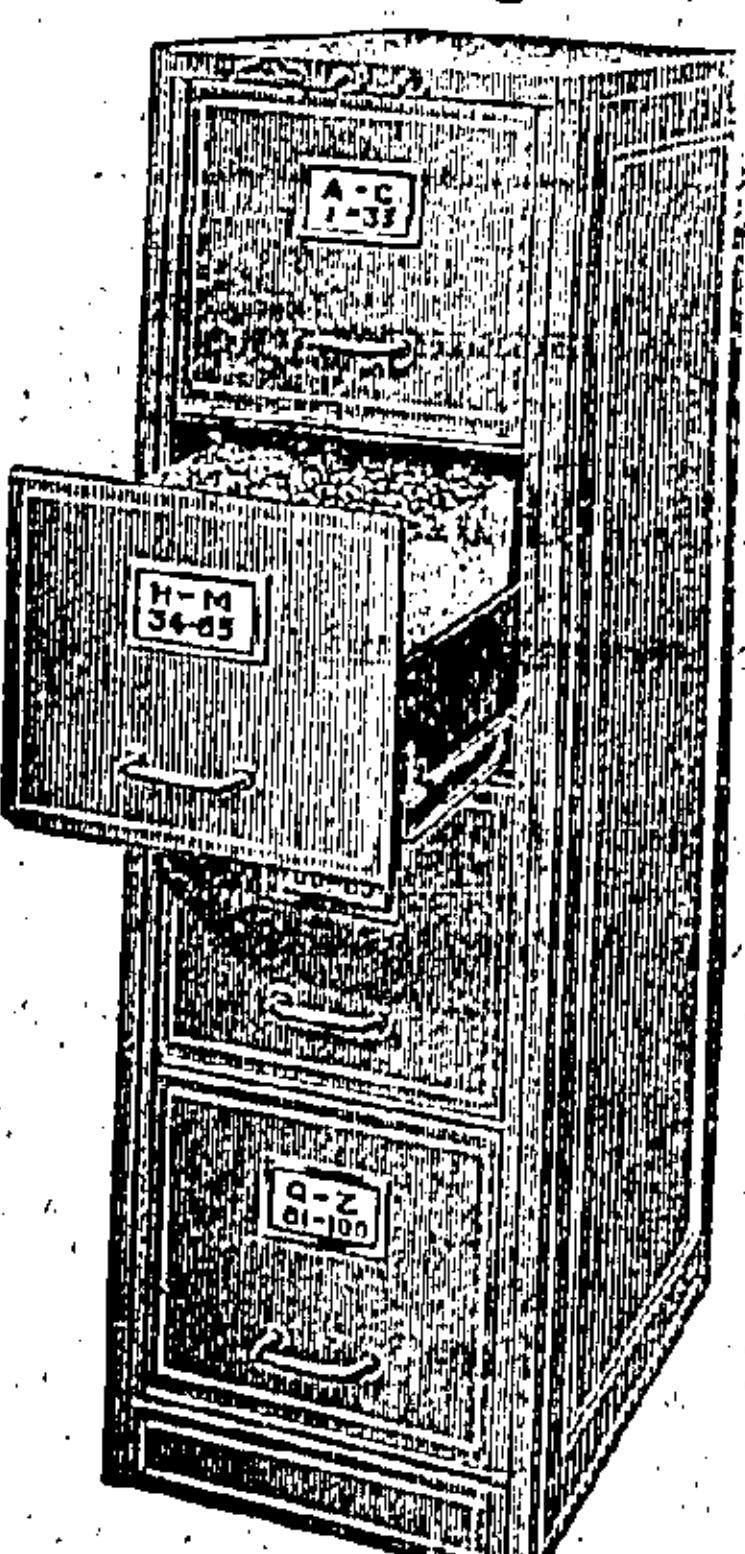
RECALLED.



M. Rakowald, the Soviet Ambassador to Paris, has been recalled, by request of the French Government, owing to his undesirable Communist activities.

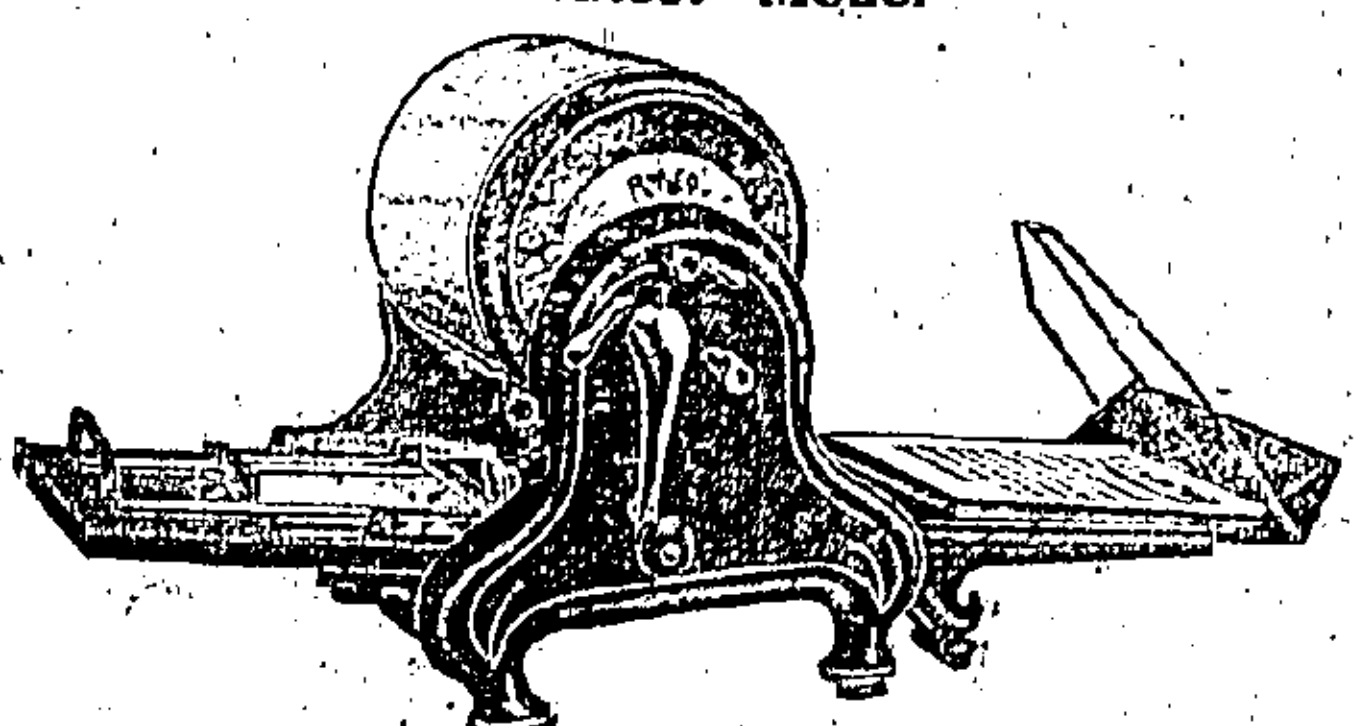
Ip Hau, a Chinese who arrived at Kowloon by the express from Canton at 12.45 p.m. yesterday was the victim of a coolie who ran away with his luggage which contained Hongkong notes valued at \$546 wrapped up in clothing valued at \$34. According to a report made by Ip to the police, the coolie was engaged to carry the luggage but just after he got out of the station he made away with it.

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DRIVEN ACROSS THE SEA BY INDIAN FAMINE.

Roopee, a recent arrival in Singapore from the Indian State of Bikanir, told a Singapore magistrate before whom she was produced on Thursday last on a charge of vagrancy that she was 180 years of age!

She was ordered to be sent to the Home for Vagrants, a similar order being made against two Indian men and three children who were produced with her.

Roopee, who certainly looks over a hundred years of age, (and is estimated to be 123 years old) states that with her grandson and great grandchildren she was driven from her Indian home by the famine.

Want of food as much as anything else seems to be the cause of her emaciated and enfeebled condition, for despite her claim to be 180 years of age, her intellect appears to be exceptionally keen for that of a lady of anything like her age. She answered questions intelligently, and was induced to pose for a photograph only on the understanding that she was to receive a dollar for that service.

SINGAPORE CRIME MENACE.

INCIDENT IN A SECRET SOCIETY FEUD.

The shooting of three men at the junction of Middle Road and Bencoolen Street last Thursday evening is said to be a continuation of several revolver attacks following a dispute some months ago between members of two secret societies.

In the state of ill-feeling that existed, any difference that arose between parties owning allegiance to either side was seized upon as a pretext for an attack.

Thursday evening's affair took place after a meeting at which some trouble over the purchase of a coffee stall was discussed. The meeting, at which members of both societies (the Ho Kee and Heng Koo) were present, took place in Queen Street, and was attended by about 12 persons. The deceased and the two wounded men were members of the Ho Kee Society.

RUBBER SMUGGLING.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST PREVENTIVE FLEET.

Thursday's *Times of Malaya* says: "We are informed by our special correspondent at Kuala Lumpur that Sir Henry Gompertz, Chief Justice, F.M.S., presided at an inquiry, which was opened to-day at the Council Chamber, in connection with allegations made by certain Netherlands India interests that the Preventive Fleet of the F.M.S. Trade and Customs Department had conducted certain operations in Dutch waters within the three-mile limit of the Sumatra coast."

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THE VOLUNTEERS.**ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.**

No. 298.—Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Order by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, Friday, 14th Oct. 1927.

1. Recruits.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 14th October, at 5.30 p.m. All those who have not passed all their Musketry Tests Nos. 1 to 6 will attend.

Dress: Multi, Musketry Order.

2. Corps Drill Parade.

A Corps drill parade for the benefit of those trained men wishing to pass drill tests Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive for the training year 1927-1928 will take place on Thursday, 20th October at Corps Headquarters, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order, uniform. Further parade 28th October only.

3. Musketry.

Portuguese Company will fire Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 10th October, 1927.

Range Officer: 2/Lieut. S. Jarvis, M. C. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or multi optional, but rifles, bayonets, pouches, braces and belt must be taken.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 14th October between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 15th October, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

4. Annual Camp.

Corps Order No. 292 dated 2.9.27 is cancelled.

The dates for camp will be as follows: From 8 a.m. 3rd to 5 p.m. 4th December, 1927.

From 8 a.m. 10th to 5 p.m. 11th December, 1927.

From 8 a.m. 17th to 5 p.m. 18th December, 1927.

Men can proceed to camp on the evening of the day before the camp on Friday evenings of 2nd, 9th and 16th December, 1927.

Engineer Company.

Signal Section. Evening 1. 12. 27. to 5. 12. 27.

Field Sections. Evening 8. 12. 27. to 12. 12. 27.

5. Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, 20th October for Gun Drill, Laying and Director.

Dress: Multi.

Signal Section as per programme.

6. Engineer Company.

The whole Company will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 17th October for Tests Nos. 2 and 5.

Wednesday, 19th October. A lecture on "Explosives" will be given by an Officer of the 56th Field Co., R.E. It is hoped that a practical demonstration will be possible.

Thursday, 20th October. A Corps parade will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for routine tests.

Signal Section. Those who have passed Tests 1 to 4 will parade for Signal Instruction.

Parade at Stables at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th October. Dress: Multi.

8. Armoured Car Company.

Friday, 14th October. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Multi.

Trained Men. Instruction in Laying Traversing and searching under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

Remainder: Gun Drill.

Monday, 17th October. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.50 p.m. Dress: Multi.

(a) Sub Section and Armoured Car Crew proceed to Kennedy Road Range for firing. Range Officer: Lt. J. Norris-Owen.

(b) Sub Section and Motor Cyclists passing tests 1 to 6 at Corps Headquarters, under 2/Lt. J. E. Hancock.

Company Dinner on 28th October. List closes on Monday, 24. 10. 27.

Motor Cycle Section.—There will be a tactical ride in the New Territories on Sunday, 15th October.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 9.30 a.m.

Dress: Uniform with belts and helmets.

9. Infantry Company.

Friday, 14th October at 5.30 p.m. All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as detailed by O. C. Company will parade at Corps Headquarters for a special N. C. O.'s Course of training in Vickers Gun.

No. 1 Platoon.—Parade at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 14th October, and Tuesday, 18th October at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Rifles and bayonets will not be required for these parades.

Parade on Tuesday will consist of Machine Gun Practice on Kennedy Road Range. Lorry will leave Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. in view of the short period of daylight now suitable for firing after 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th October. Dress: Multi, rifle, bayonet and belt.

10. No. 4 Platoon.

Friday, 14th October. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Drill Order. Multi.

Monday, 17th October. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Tests Nos. 2 and 5. Dress: Multi.

Thursday, 20th October. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Multi.

11. Scottish Company.

Thursday, 20th October at 5.30 p.m. All Platoons for Vickers Gun Instruction at Platoon Headquarters.

Full strength parades from now on are necessary to complete programme of work prior to camp.

Musketry Part II will be fired on Sunday, 22nd October at Stonecutters Range. Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison. All those who have not fired Part II must attend on that date.

12. Portuguese Company.

Musketry Part II. See Order No. 3.

Trained Men. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 14th October for N.C.O.'s Class and Lewis Gun Class, under Regular Instructions.

All men who have passed Musketry Tests 1 to 6 and drill tests 1 to 4 and who wish to qualify for promotion should give in their names to C.S.M. Rodrigues who will arrange for their inclusion in the N.C.O.'s Class. Promotion will depend entirely on the results of tests which will be applied.

13. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 11.10.27, and posted to the Reserve Company.

No. 1271 Pte. T. Williams.

14. Transfer.

No. 1265 Pte. J. H. Marshall is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to the Artillery Company, as from 4.10.27.

15. Long Service Medal.

His Excellency the Governor has awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal to No. 66 Pte. N. V. A. Croucher of the Reserve Company, H.K.V.D.C. on 4.10.27.

16. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps.

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No. 507 Pte. H. J. Armstrong, No. 1 Platoon from 12.10.27, to 24.10.27.

No. 772 Pte. A. C. Howell, No. 2 Platoon from 11.10.27, to 25.10.27.

No. 530 Pte. L.M.S. Lloyd, A.C. Company, from 12.10.27, to 1.11.27.

No. 1120 Pte. H. Hampton, No. 2 Platoon from 1.10.27, to 22.10.27.

No. 1240 Pte. A. D. Wylie, No. 7 Platoon from 3.10.27, to 24.10.27.

R. A. Wolfe-Murray, MAJOR, ADJUTANT, H. K. V.D.CORPS.

Notices.

1. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.—The second shoot for the Cup given by Lieut. E. J. E. Mitchell will be held at the Park Range on Sunday, 16th October at 9.30 a.m. All members are requested to attend.

2. Scottish Company.—Real Club. Fifth practice will take place at Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th October, 1927.

Tug of War. Participants are requested to practice henceforth will commence at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays at Corps Headquarters.

3. Portuguese Co Rifle Club.—Members are hereby notified that the Annual Shoot will take place on Sunday, 16th October in conjunction with the firing of Part II at Stonecutters Range.

The Challenge Cup presented by Club Lusitano for the highest score in Part II will be competed for. There will also be souvenirs for the 2nd and 3rd highest scores, for the best scores in Practices 7, 8, 9 and 10 and for best Team (4 men a side).

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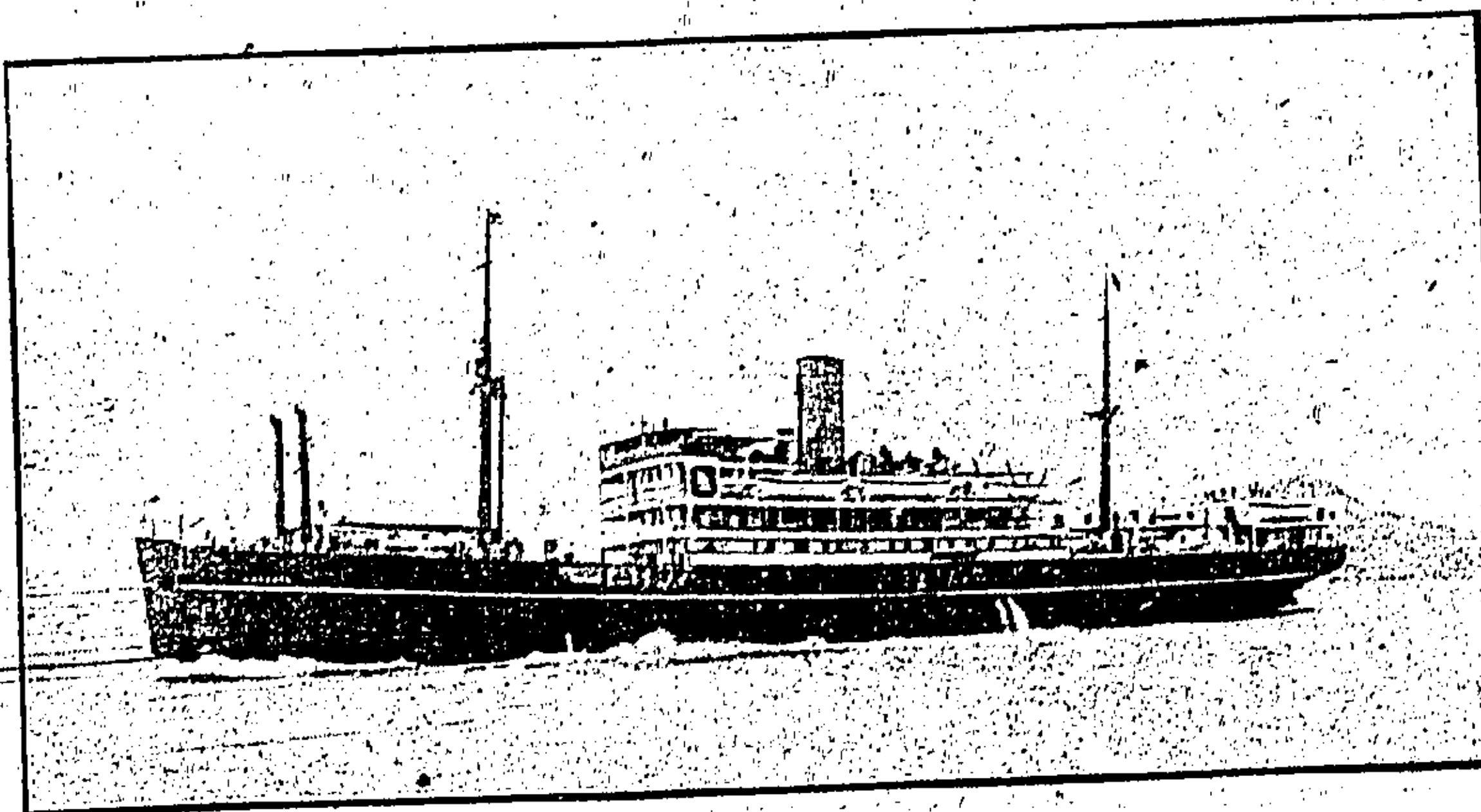
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Siangtan, Hu., Sept. 21.
After an absence of five months
the writer came back to find that
the foreign property had come
through the difficult period of the
Communist regime with compar-
atively small loss. The wounded
soldiers, numbering 400 or 500
occupied the Presbyterian boys'
school and one of the foreign
residences. These two pieces of
property were quite badly looted
of their furniture and equipment,
while the scientific apparatus was
almost wholly destroyed, though
the microscopes were taken away
by friends and are still intact.
The soldiers took a lot of furni-
ture with them when they left the
school, and it is hoped that some
of this can be recovered when
they leave the city.

The political situation at this
date is very quiet, but there is
an undercurrent of insecurity, for
the Communists will be able
to come back and begin again
their terrorism. Business is very
bad, and but for the splendid rice
crop and the cheap prices prevail-
ing, there would be much suffer-
ing.

No Anti-Foreign Feeling.

There seems to be no anti-
foreign or anti-Christian agitation,
going on at present, and the walls
of the city and public places are
quite free from the numerous
posters that were so common a few
months ago. It is reported that
after the Communists' undoing
some time ago, at Changsha the
Communists posters were all wash-
ed off the walls and burned.
There were a few of a very dif-
ferent character to be seen.

The Presbyterian Hospital has
been able to keep running through-
out this difficult time. The only
loss suffered was during the times
of greatest Communist activities,
when boys were sent in broad day-
light to steal coal from the coal-
house of the hospital. A hole
having been made in the wall
from the street side, and the
management being unable to stop
them, 30 or 40 piculs of coal was
pilfered by these young agents of
the Workers Guild.

Many of the rich and better
classes are still in hiding, though
there seems to be no danger at
present, except the danger that all
seem to be fearing of another up-
rising of these guilds or unions.

A Scarcity of Silver.

Money is very scarce—that is
silver money—and no one will take
the bank notes at all. The
Standard Oil Co.'s manager has
sold out his whole supply and the
office is only now open for collect-
ing of old bills.

The Community Guild was
closed early in April by a commit-
tee of 14, who came to take it
over to open a People's Club, but
they had no money or leadership
for such an enterprise and the
building has been closed. A few
soldiers have occupied it at dif-
ferent times for a short time.
The Magistrate asked the Mission
to reopen and said that he would
be responsible that no one should
occupy the building.

Two German ladies of the C.I.M.
have been in the city all summer,
and while they have had some
difficult and bitter experiences
they seemed to think that every-
thing points to better and more
peaceful times.

GREEK IMAGES IN
ASIA.

INDIA'S AND CHINA'S BOR-
ROWED IDEAS.

London, Oct. 13.
The claim that Indian and Chi-
nese images of Buddha are evolved
from forms of the Greek gods
Apollo and Bacchus, was pro-
pounded by the great German
ethnologist, Von Leoq, the direc-
tor of the Indian section of the
Berlin Museum of Ethnology, at
a meeting of the School of Oriental
Studies in London.

Von Leoq, who headed three
expeditions to the deserts of Cen-
tral Asia claims that it is indis-
putably proved that India and China
borrowed the images of all the
classical Greek gods, which were
adapted to their own religions and
needs.—Reuter.

Factory workers at Coventry will
be able to enjoy artificial sun-
bathing for a few coppers a week
by joining a Sunlight League,
which is being started by a young
workman. This league, the first of
its kind in Britain, will be run on
sick club lines, small weekly sub-
scriptions securing a winter's
treatment under medical supervi-
sion.

BRITISH STEAMER
BOARDED.

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arrived in Ningpo Saturday where
they were disembarked.

There does not appear to be any
special need for these troops in
Ningpo, as conditions are so fav-
ourable and quiet as to allow the
return of all former residents.
Some of the men seemed to be sure
that their ultimate destination
would be Hangchow.

For the time being, the two
boats which the China Merchants'
S.S. Co. have been regularly run-
ning to Wenchow, are held up in
Shanghai by a strike of godown
coolies.

Conditions in Wenchow continue
to be peaceful. One of the leading
scholars in the city declared the
other day that the local people had
"lost face" by driving out the
foreign residents; and that they
desired them to return.—N. C. D.
News Correspondent.

OUTLOOK AT HANGCHOW.

Better Trade Expected.

Hangchow, Oct. 2.

In some respects, it would seem
that brighter gleams are breaking
through the dark clouds which
have for so long hung over the
densely populated area of Hang-
chow. For the time being, tea-
shop talk has been diverted from
the ordinary harangue of strikes,
processions and public meetings.
To-day, the subject of General
Chou Feng-chi's resignation, and
withdrawal to Shanghai, is being
widely discussed. Speculation is
running wild as to the re-adjust-
ments to be made when General
Ho Ying-ching makes his appear-
ance to-day.

With the prospects of a long-
themed period of peace and better
guarantees of safety, shopkeepers
are looking forward to a revival
in trade. At last, it is dawning on
the people that prosperity cannot
thrive in regions eternally rent by
demoralizing strife, and the pivot
of infamous propaganda must be
displaced.

The revolution has brought in
many changes. Speaking with an
old-time Chinese scholar, who has
held many high positions of office
in the province, he volunteered the
remark,—"Yes, to-day, we are see-
ing a revolution in the standards
of moral life and behaviour, and
fundamental laws and principles
are being betrayed." One thing is
very apparent, the very pleasing
politeness and etiquette, for which
the Chinese have been so renowned,
is now losing its old time
burnish.

FLIGHT FAILS.



Miss Ruth Elder, who has
been rescued in the Atlantic
after a forced descent during
an attempted flight from New
York to Paris.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. Just over sixty are officially recognised,
but naturalists claim to identify 150. 2. Pupil
of the eye is round. In the fox and jackal
it is vertical; in wolf it is oblique. 3. Forty-
two. 4. Australian wild dog. 5. (a) Lord
Orford in 1716. (b) 1859, at Newcastle-on-
Tyne. 6. Virtually the governing body of dog
fanciers; founded 1878 by S. E. Shirley. 7.
They may be destroyed on a magistrate's
order; owners of savage dogs are liable in
damages if their dogs injure any one. 8.
Cross between English greyhound, Italian
greyhound, and terrier. 9. As hunting dogs
sheep dogs and watch dogs. 10. Hounds,
sheep dogs, terriers, spaniels, mastiffs, lap
dogs. 11. Ancient Egyptians. 12. Hebrews.

BIG BURDEN OF "OUT"
RELIEF.

EXTRAVAGANCE BY THE
GUARDIANS.

HOUSING HELPED.

The annual report of the Bri-
tish Minister of Health, recently
published, is made the vehicle for
a comprehensive revision of the
Department's work since its in-
ception in 1919.

Poor law relief as a whole, since
1914, has risen 350 per cent,
while outdoor relief has increased
by over 1,000 per cent.

Details are given in connexion
with house production. Nearly
254,000,000 has been spent by the
Exchequer since the War in sub-
sidies for houses. In the five
years before the War the average
annual increase in the number of
houses was 61,000. In 1927 the
numbers of houses built were:
with State assistance, 163,779;
without State assistance, 63,850—
a total of 217,629. Since the War
the grand total completed was
866,142.

An extensive section of the re-
port deals with the administration
of Poor Law. The enormous in-
creases in payments are attrib-
uted to the results of post-war con-
ditions, industrial depression, and
still more to industrial disputes,
and "a new and general tendency
on the part of the guardians
themselves to grant, even to ab-
bodied persons, unconditional
allowances which often approximate
to, and may even exceed, the
normal earnings of the applicant
when he is in full work." Since
1914 Poor Law relief, as a whole,
has risen by 350 per cent, but
outdoor relief has increased by
over 1,000 per cent.

Safeguarding Food.

The enormous work of the
Ministry in connexion with the
maintenance of a pure food supply
is emphasised. In 1926, 120,617
samples were analysed, of which
62,507 were of milk. The average
adulteration of all samples was
5.8 per cent, and in the case of
milk alone, 7.4 per cent. The
figures for 1919 were respectively
8.2 per cent, and 11.1 per cent.

Among the different kinds of
adulteration found by the analysis
were sand in flour, splinters of
pine-wood in sweets, and iron
filings in tea. "A case is report-
ed of the use in chocolate rock of
commercial burnt sienna, contain-
ing an excessive quantity of ar-
senic." Powdered talc continue
to be introduced into rice. There
were samples of so-called eggs-
custard powders which contained
no egg.

In one analysis tablets sold as a
cure for obesity were found to
consist merely of Epsom and
Glauber salts. In another case,
so-called "dried milk" was found
to be composed of soya bean, cane
sugar, milk sugar, and a vegetable
oil.

Pollution of Rivers.

River pollution forms an in-
teresting section of the report, in
view of the recent controversy
over the possible pollution of the
River Wye.

"The public interest in the un-
satisfactory condition of many
rivers," it is stated, "which was
referred to in last year's report,
has been maintained. One cause
of pollution which is giving rise
to trouble at the present time is
the discharge into rivers of water
which has been used in the
process of the manufacture of
beet-sugar, and as the number of
beet-sugar factories is being
multiplied, there is danger that
pollution from this cause may in-
crease."

The collection and disposal of
refuse by local authorities in Eng-
land and Wales cost £10,000,000
for the last year for which in-
formation is available.

Decline in Vaccination.

Tables are given showing the
mortality from notifiable infec-
tious disease. The outstanding
features of the year were the
greatly increased prevalence of
mild small-pox, extensive out-
breaks of poliomyelitis, and
polioencephalitis, and a consider-
able decline in the death rate
from scarlet fever. Comment is
made on the decline in vaccina-
tion, despite the severe smallpox
record for 1925. In 1926, accord-
ing to the report, no vaccinated
person under the age of 18 con-
tracted smallpox, and there was
also no instance of a person
attacked during the previous eight
years.

Tuberculosis is the subject of a
large section of the report. On
December 31, 1926, it is stated
there were 261,040 cases of pul-
monary tuberculosis on the re-
gisters. The number of new
cases registered were 59,520 and
20,134 in 1926, compared with 63,
809 and 22,283 in 1915. Deaths
from tuberculosis in 1926 were:
Pulmonary 30,108, and non-pul-
monary 7,417, the correspond-
ing figures for 1915 being 40,880 and
13,492.

Entertainments

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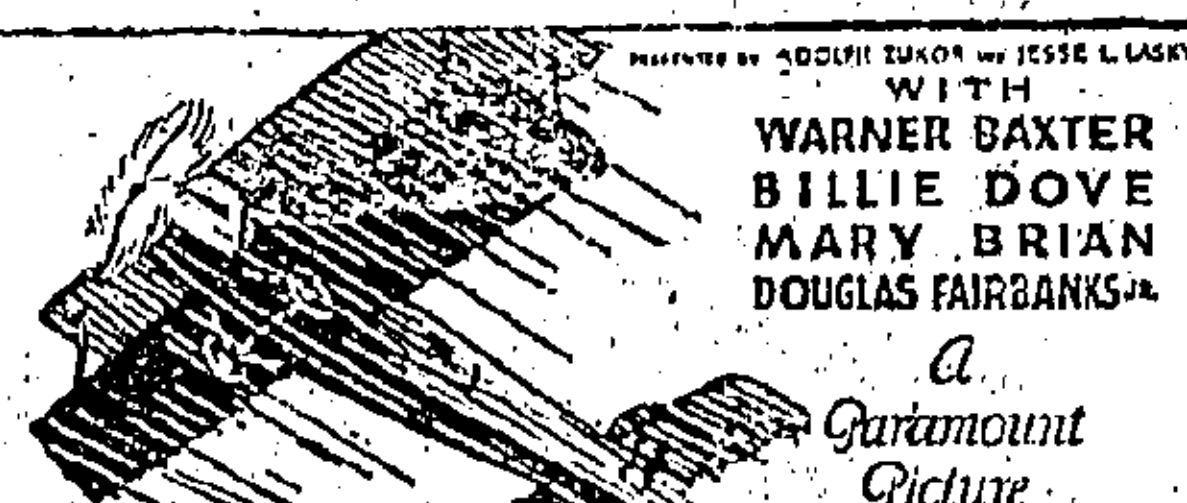
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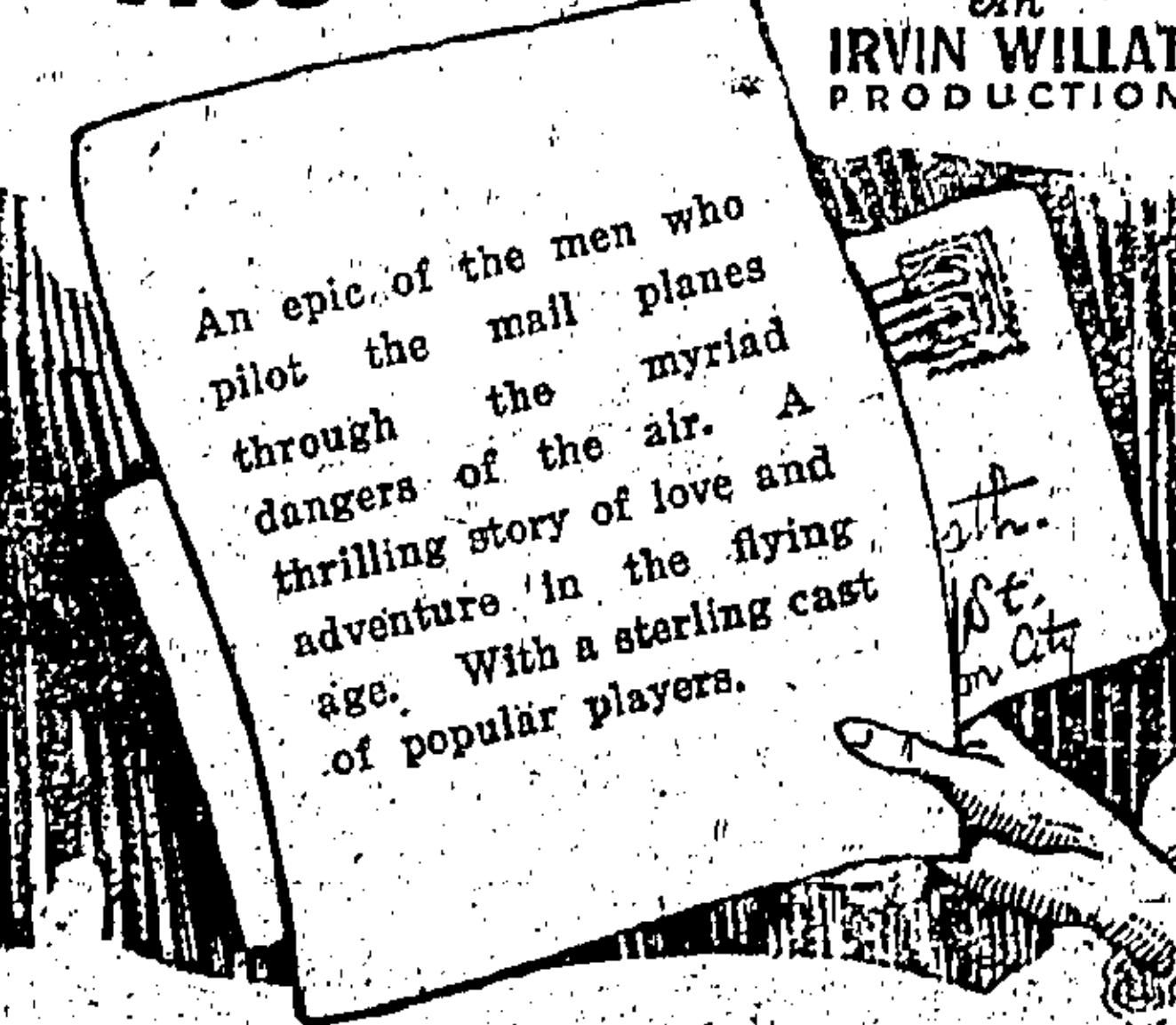
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